

The Bethel Citizen

Court overrules LURC on bingo hall

Rules Albany parcel is not 'Indian Territory' and cannot be used for high-stakes bingo

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Opponents of a proposed high-stakes bingo hall in Albany Township scored a major victory Tuesday, when a Superior Court judge overruled the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission's decision to issue a permit for the project.

"I'm ecstatic," said Jeff Rosenblatt, an attorney who lives in Albany and one of the leaders in the legal and Legislative battle against the plan.

Fellow attorney Margaret Wille, a part-time resident of the township also took part in the legal challenge. "Justice prevailed," she said. "People can have faith that the legal system works and the law says what it means and means what it says."

What the law says and what it means proved to be the crux of the

decision, which was written by Justice Thomas E. Humphrey of Kennebec County Superior Court.

"It was a case of statutory construction -- what did the law mean?" said Wille.

The Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act allows each of the state's two federally recognized tribes to operate a high-stakes bingo hall, but the operation must be on land that has been designated as Indian Territory.

To qualify as Indian Territory, the land must have been acquired by the tribe and transferred to the United States' Secretary of the Interior before Jan. 1, 1991.

The 18.3-acre parcel in Albany on which the tribe planned to build its bingo hall was acquired (from Fred

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Grant may pay off bill for engineers' sewer plant work

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Board of Selectmen may be on the way to resolving its financial dispute with the engineering firm working on the upgrade project at the town's wastewater treatment plant.

The board voted unanimously -- if reluctantly -- Monday to have Town Manager Phil Tarr apply for a \$100,000 Rural Development grant to put toward the balance of the engineering bill and to negotiate with the firm, Wright-Pierce Engineers, regarding a final settlement figure.

The grant money became available in part, Tarr said, "because Rural Development became concerned about the integrity of the Bethel project."

The dispute with Wright-Pierce regards bills from the company in

excess of the \$287,000 it initially estimated (in 1995) would be required for the project. The company now says another \$114,000 will be needed if it is to complete its contracted work.

Wright-Pierce attributes the overrun to an increase in the cost of the overall project (from \$1.2 million initially estimated to \$2.3 currently projected), to a lengthening of the project duration (from eight months to 13 months) and to unexpected difficulties encountered early in the work.

The selectmen and the town Budget Committee, however, have objected that Wright-Pierce should have built money for such eventualities into its original projections for engineering costs. The two

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Woodstock looks to spruce up some tired buildings

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen are considering fix-up work on four town buildings and a parking lot as part of their budget planning.

The Town Office needs painting or new siding, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. The current paint, applied about eight years ago, is peeling.

The building was constructed in 1960 as the industrial arts shop of Woodstock High School, and was renovated and converted to the Town Office in 1987.

A much older building, the old town garage, needs structural work if it is to be preserved, Maxfield said. About half of the foundation sills need repair. And, he said, "the roof is bad, and it needs paint desperately."

The town has a lease on the building from the Grange. Selectmen will discuss options with Grange

members before making a recommendation for Town Meeting.

Maxfield estimates the building was constructed in the late 1800s.

The new town garage, built in 1990, also needs work -- the metal siding near ground level has been dented by falling snow in recent years. "We'd like to get that corrected," said Maxfield.

In addition, the parking lot between the garage and the Town Office needs sealing. It has been seven years since it was last paved.

Another old building, the former Fire Station on Railroad Street, is currently used for storage. It also needs work, said Maxfield, if the town wants to continue using it for that purpose.

Maxfield said he believes the station was built in the early 1900s.

Costs for the repair work have not yet been calculated. Maxfield said the various projects could carry into next year's budget.

New Year's Bethel centerpiece



TOASTING THE NEW YEAR, and his marshmallow, a boy enjoys the warmth of a bonfire on the Common during last week's "New Year's Bethel" celebration. The fire, which burned throughout the evening, was popular with both young and old. (Aloisio photo)

Bethel celebrates a festive winter fortnight

First New Year's Bethel hailed as a success

By ALISON ALOISIO

More than 500 people braved near-zero temperatures to take part in the first "New Year's Bethel" celebration last Thursday evening. The turnout will likely enable the Bethel Historical Society to break even on the event.

"We're very close. I think more (expected) donations will put us over," Stan Howe, BHS executive director, said Tuesday. The society sponsored the event, in cooperation with other community organizations.

The celebration featured musical and other entertainment at various locations in the village. Following the event, "people were so enthused they said they would make a donation," said Howe. The contributions were to be added to revenue brought in by ticket sales.

The society's first-year goal was simply to cover its expenses. BHS hopes to make money in future years to help support the expanding organization's activities.

The New Year's celebration is also designed to acquaint the public with the society and possibly bring in new members. "It was a major 'friendraiser,'" said curator Randy Bennett. "I saw a lot of new faces."

Howe said the crowd was made up of visiting skiers, society members and other local residents.

A bonfire on the town Common proved to be extremely popular. "The bonfire was a spectacular success," said Howe. Children spent the evening toasting marshmallows, while their parents and other adults warmed themselves in the near-zero temperatures.

Other attractions included entertainment by such musical groups as "Fiddle Box," "State Street Traditional Jazz Band" and "By His Grace."

Despite the cold, Howe said the society was thankful for the weather, compared to the conditions of the night before and the night after New Year's Eve. Strong winds blew both of those nights, putting the wind chill well below zero.

Future celebrations might see a food court at the Moses Mason House, Howe said, providing both refreshments and warmth to participants.

The society can look forward to a good future turnout from vacationers, if comments around the bonfire were any indication.

"What a great way to spend New Year's Eve," said one woman to her young son.

Said another reveler, "It's as good as New York."

"It's better," replied her companion.

Ninth Winter Fest is this weekend

The ninth annual Bethel Winter Fest, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, will offer a variety of activities for the entire family.

Organizers are hoping for better weather than last year, despite a somewhat threatening forecast. The 1998 festival was postponed until March because of the ice storm.

This year's outdoor recreation activities include alpine skiing and riding, telemark skiing, cross-country skiing on woods trails, and snowmobiling. There will also be dog sled rides, horse-drawn sleigh rides, an antique snowmobile show featuring one of the largest personal collections of antique sleds, a laser tag tournament, product sampling and open houses at many of Bethel's shops.

Sunday River Ski Resort will host World Cup, Olympic and International Champion aerialists, a "Snowvenger" Hunt, Fred Garbo's Inflatable Theatre Company and fireworks.

Mt. Abram Ski Resort will play host to the Maine Telemark Festival, a dinner, and the movie, "Fire on the Mountain."

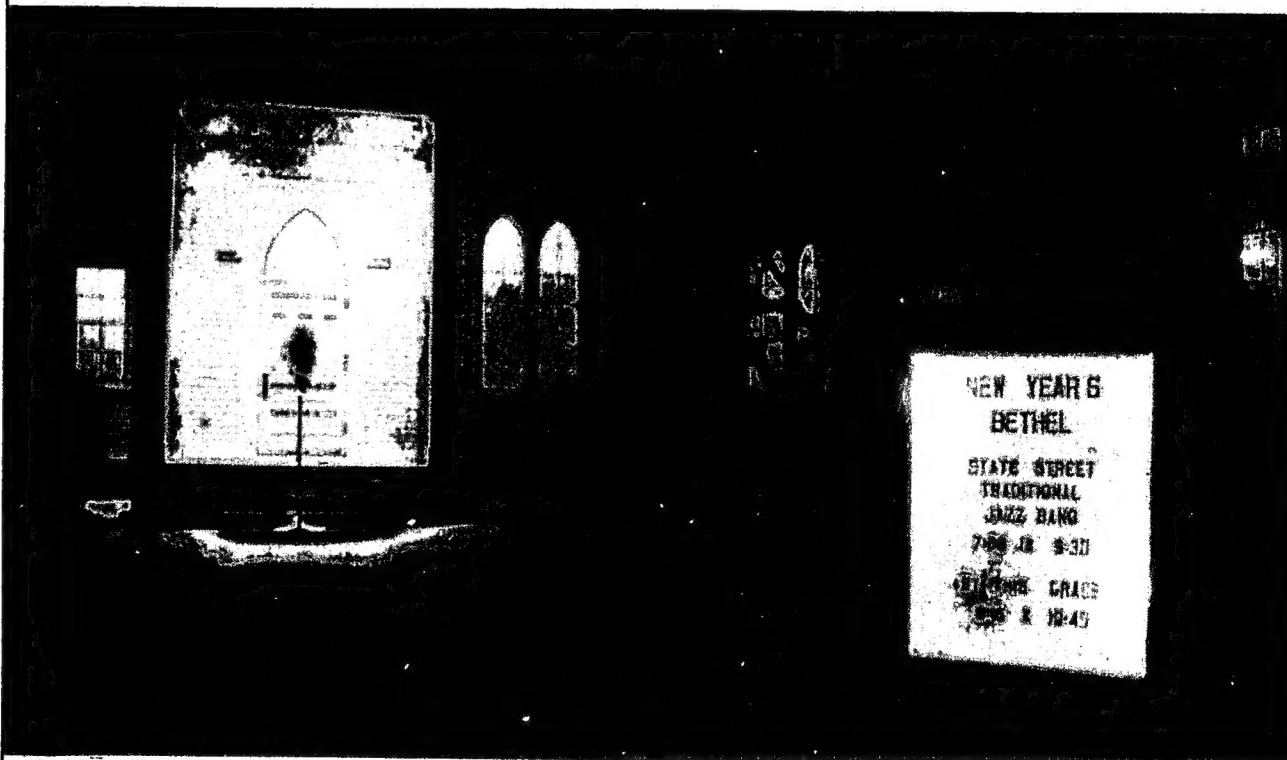
The Bethel Inn & Country Club has a wine tasting dinner planned for Friday night, and on Saturday the L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery Program will offer free nordic lessons to all abilities.

Carter's Cross Country Ski Center will offer free cross-country classical and skate-ski lessons, free Japanese massage, and will host the Winter Fest Snowshoe Challenge.

The Sunday River Inn & Cross Country Ski Center will host "Skiing through the Ages" on Saturday and free lessons and demos on Sunday.

Maine's microbreweries will be featured at the first annual Bethel

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THE WEST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH was the site of New Year's Eve performances by two musical groups -- the State Street Traditional Jazz Band and By His Grace. "New Year's Bethel" began with a 6 p.m. lighted vehicle parade on Main Street and ended with midnight fireworks at the Bethel Inn. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Editorial

They still need our support

We congratulate our friends and neighbors in Albany on their hard-fought victory over the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe's plan to build a high-stakes bingo hall in their township.

In true David and Goliath fashion, a small group of underfinanced local people took on not only the Passamaquoddy and the tribe's deep-pockets New York financier, but also the legal firepower of the Maine Attorney General's Office.

Their victory is a victory for us all, and for everyone who loves the special character of this part of Maine.

But even as we celebrate, we must remember that the battle has been won, but the war will likely go on. The tribe will almost certainly launch its own appeal to the Maine Supreme Court.

With this week's victory under their belt, the bingo hall opponents go into that next battle greatly strengthened, but they are still woefully underfinanced -- they need to raise another \$10,000 just to pay the legal bills they have already incurred.

Their battle is our battle, and they deserve all the support we can give them, morally and monetarily. --MRD

Letters

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE

To the Editor:

As a member of a 1994 Bethel Town committee that studied solid waste issues, I write to add some context to The Citizen's recent front-page story on "solid waste woes." At that time, our committee presented the Board of Selectmen with data showing a constant and alarming increase of the costs of solid waste disposal -- both in real terms and as a percent of the town budget over a 10-year period.

Based on further predicted increases to the town budget, we recommended to the Board of Selectmen some form of pay-by-unit system, so that consumers of this costly municipal service would pay in proportion to the amount of the service they consumed.

The soundness of the recommendation, I believe, is based on several additional factors: (1) the documented fiscal boost the town already receives from its modest recycling program, even though participation is quite small; (2) the continued increase in Bethel's solid waste spending since 1994; (3) the equity of charging consumers of town services, whenever practical, proportionately to their use; and (4) the successes of other towns that have instituted pay-by-unit programs and specifically reported to our committee that it did not cause an increase in roadside dumping.

The criticism made in 1995 that "any savings would merely be spent elsewhere in the town budget," taken to its logical conclusion, would prevent the town from embarking on any cost-saving program regardless of its merit.

Kirk Siegel
Bethel

GREAT NEW YEAR'S EVE

To the Editor:

We were very fortunate to be in Bethel for the first New Year's Bethel celebration presented by the Bethel Historical Society.

The entire BHS staff and its many volunteers should be commended for the planning and implementation of a great New Year's party. The eight acts at four venues were diverse and professional. The bonfire blazing on the common was a convenient place to get warm, meet friends and even roast a marshmallow or two. Many attendees even stayed around for the midnight finale of fireworks presented by the Bethel Inn.

It was indeed a fun, and chemical free, way to bring in the New Year. Bethel should be proud of the Bethel Historical Society, and the many sponsors, for bringing this event to town.

Michael and Jean Stowell
Lovettsville, Va.

A TERRIFIC TIME

To the Editor:

Anyone who wasn't there missed a terrific time. I'm talking about New Year's Bethel, the first-ever community New Year's Eve celebration in our town, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, in cooperation with the Mahoosuc Arts Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Although the night was very cold, the air was clear and still. The bonfire on the Common was a gathering place all evening, for warming up or for toasting marshmallows. The entertainments at all four venues were marvelous. The State Street Jazz Band had us tapping our toes, as did the Highland Soles and Fiddle Box. Henry Bascomb had us in stitches. I didn't have a chance to see the other performances but hear that all were enjoyable and fun. It was so exciting to see Bethel's streets alive with people having a good time. The Bethel Inn's fireworks at midnight were outstanding, the frosting on the cake. I look back on the many New Year's Eve parties I've been a part of, and I really think this was the best ever. I can't wait 'til next year's.

Let me say that a good deal of the credit for this wonderful idea goes to Susan Herlihy, who was the "instigator" and driving force behind the concept. She worked tirelessly to make it happen and can now relax a little and reflect on happy memories of the last night of 1998. Thank you, Susan.

Happy New Year to all -- and hope to see everyone at the next New Year's Bethel on Dec. 31, 1999.

Lorrie Hoeh
Albany

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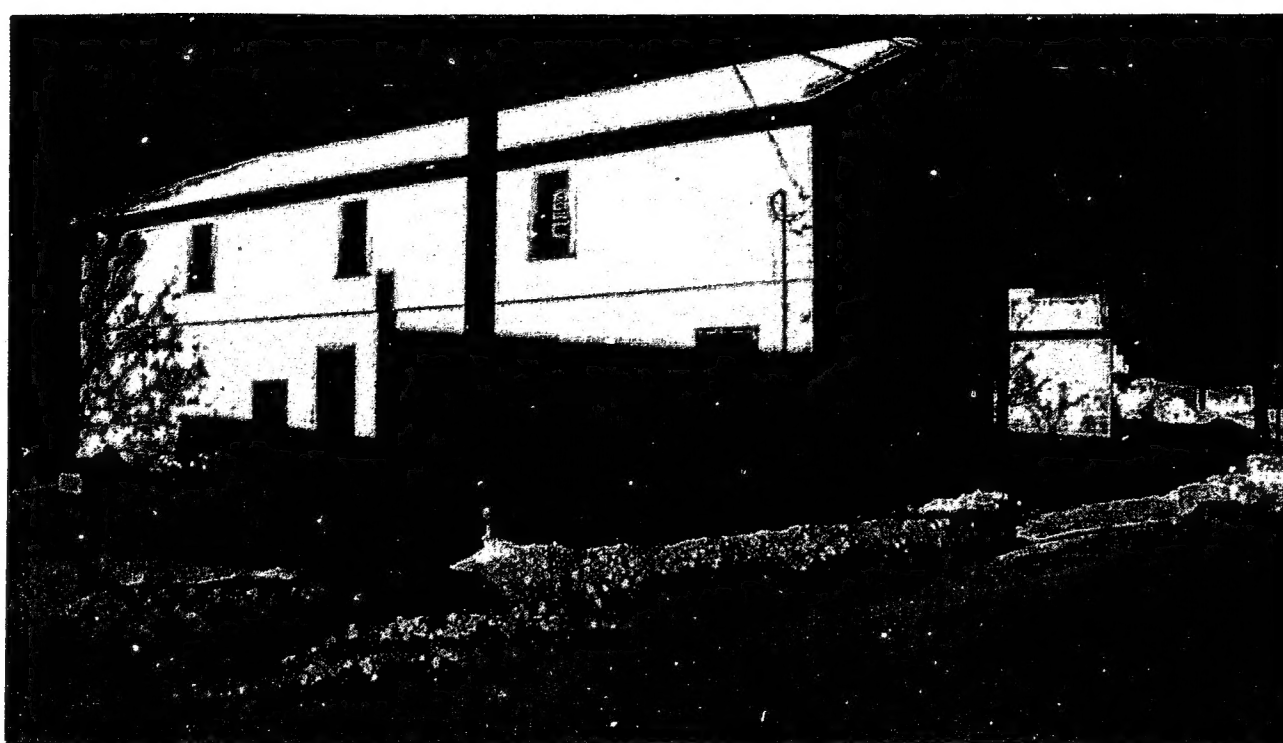
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IN NEED OF ATTENTION--Woodstock selectmen may recommend repairs to the old Fire Station on Railroad Street, as well as several other town buildings, as part of the town's 1999 budget.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

NEW YEAR'S BETHEL THANKS

To the Editor:

Bethel Historical Society's first New Year's Bethel was a spell-binding blend of a variety of entertainment in a postcard-like setting of wintry country beauty and charm plus the sounds of snow crunching underfoot and "people greeting smile after smile." There are many wonderful memories from the evening thanks to so many who epitomize the special spirit of the Bethel area.

It all came together because of the energy and talents of those who made the time, in addition to their already-100-full schedules, for meetings and tasks to support the Historical Society's idea of this community event. These incredible people are Robin Zinchuk, Vicki Rackliffe, Jean Bass, Susan Isham and Jacqui VanLeuven, who comprise the steering committee which has been working since last spring.

Many more thanks go to:

--The many who expressed their enjoyment of the evening and are looking forward to next year. And those who wanted to be out but the cold kept them in.

--The numerous financial sponsors -- sponsorships are still arriving (see This Week at Moses Mason House).

--Deena and Gerard at The Maine Press, who were so helpful and supportive from the very beginning.

--The Bethel Citizen, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Maine Line Products, Telstar Regional High School for selling pins.

--All the enterprises where posters and programs were displayed.

--Nan Timberlake for Channel IV interviewing and filming.

--Bethel Area Task Force for behind-the-scenes support.

--Those who made sandwiches, sweets and drinks for entertainers.

--Charlie Raymond, Bethel Historical Society Trustees chair, who wore so many hats in support and promotion of New Year's Bethel.

--The Good Lord for the beautiful, clear (albeit crisp) night, unlike the ones before and after it.

--The Western Maine Mt. Jeepers of Maine and the Overland Jeepers of Maine plus individuals and fire departments for the precious parade that twinkled like a magic Disney production.

--Susan Howe and Outward Bound for the ever-so-popular bonfire which was ignited by a torch of old "wears" and was kept going 'til after 3 a.m. And to Lois Kilroy for the endless supply of marshmallows. Several felt that as long as the fire and marshmallows lasted, the evening didn't have to be over.

--Maine Handicapped Skiing for the use of their two-way radios.

--NTL for easels.

--Ted Orino, Al and June Abbott and Sunday River's Jeff Sterling for making the big signs placed at two ends of town.

--Vacationing Kate and Sarah who willingly did whatever was asked.

--The Wrights of Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center for the shuttle bus. And bus drivers Marvin Ouwinga and Sandra Gunther.

--The enthusiastic volunteers at each venue who were house managers, pin sellers, communications experts, chair stackers: George and Danna Nickerson, Lorrie and Mike Hoeh, Lois Kilroy, Marge Stockford, Chip Crothers, Susan Isham, Lacie Phillips, Jean and Brendon Bass, Lucy and Jack Nordahl, Walter and Carol Hatch, Vicki Rackliffe, Robin Zinchuk, Fran Bernier, Jim Lowe, Priscella and Dean Walker, Jacqui VanLeuven, Kate Edes, Sarah Edes.

--The Whitneys for the popcorn machine and supplies. Lois Kilroy for the hot chocolate. And to Randy Bennett for risking frostbite in making such great tastes and aromas.

--The performers, several of whom asked to come back next year.

--Those like Amy Davis, the Haskells, Hatches, Hoehs, Barths who offered overnight accommodations for performers -- seven beds were needed, 16 were offered.

--Charlie and Edie Seashore for opening their warm, festive Bingham House for end-of-the-evening feast-ing, fireside reminiscing and fireworks watching.

--Bethel Inn and Country Club for changing their original plans in order to provide the spectacular fireworks display at the stroke of midnight.

--Anyone who may have been unintentionally overlooked.

--And a special thank you to the Bethel Historical Society for providing the region with a strong heritage-based identity while at the same time being a very vital, "today" organization -- a unique and special historical society.

Like Bob Hope says: "Thanks and Thanks for the Memories!"

Susan Herlihy

Bethel Historical Trustee, New Year's Bethel Committee

Potting Potholm's political poll

By MIKE BROWN

I passed it by several times at Mr. Paperback as I would a newspaper insert for spaghetti sauce. But there it came to be as a Christmas stocking stuffer.

"An Insider's Guide to Maine Politics, 1946-1996," by Christian P. Potholm is indeed spaghetti sauce covering some 700 names of political pizza eaters with the scyphocanthic check picked up by the tenured professor of Bowdoin College.

This creamy collection of political indexing is a courtier's laudatory collection of paragraphia thumb sketches of those pols, poops and political "scorps" who have snuggled up to Potholm's elitist sheepskin slippers over the decades.

Apparently the Bowdoin prof does not have enough to keep him college busy, outside of lecturing on understanding Maine politics, and so has been sideline compiling political anecdotes on the bees and birds of ballot bunkum for 25 years.

Not finding enough name species to stuff into 370 pages, Potholm has plagiarized and pilfered enough political phrases from around the planet to fluff up his Library of Congress Catalog entry.

Considering that there is not one negative mention of the some 700 names in the book, then consider it the biggest potential political fundraiser in Maine history. Potholm, you see, also does very expensive for-hire polling, track and off-track, via his Command Research outfit to supplement his measly Bowdoin day job pay envelope.

This is a toady dictionary of political species interlaced with the prof's self-congratulatory bafflebag of I made them or I made them up. Indexing just about every Maine peanut and jackleg politician who ever ran for or from office, Potholm can't find one who is or was a party hack, baby kisser, wonk or one of the swell uptown boys and girls.

Potholm dedicates his book to "Billy and Angus, the best of the best," presumably, comfortably Cohen and King both of whom filled the Potholm for-hire polling basket with plenty of fried clams. Cohen gets three mugshots in the dictionary. King gets two. In a 1978 election huggly photo of Potholm and Cohen with Cohen's wife, Diana, in the background, Potholm forgets to identify the prominent Diana. Or more for-gable, a 1998 manuscript redaction more befitting Cohen's current status.

Potholm has a cattle call of mediamites which he calls "scorps," (short for scorpion) not original

thought but attributed to real life subterranean James Carville in Joe Klien's animal safari "Primary Colors."

It's obvious that if riffling through his media index card file by fireplace, that the Bowdoinite never set foot in the State House complex except for sit-down Blaine House cocktail hours and honored spinner dinners of incumbent governors whom Potholm has said he has singularly put there. Nix Angus King who refuses to live in the joint preferring to domicile in collegiate Brunswick, a horseshoe toss near the Bowdoin campus -- and Potholm.

Potholm's take on the so-called State House press corps is Three Stooges hilarious in his observation that they are all objective scribes. Bull. They all, like fields of straw, bend liberal in the current leftist breeze of State House politics preferring to keep their rootballs safely in the non-investigative soil of a down-sizing newspaper employee pasture.

A big chunk of limited available SH press space is stuffed with Maine Public Broadcasting, that is, government subsidized, King friendly folks. (MBPN did an on-air interview with Potholm drum beating his book). The rest is occupied by FOA's (friends of Angus) duly dogtrotting to King press say-nothing conferences called by King's wacky flacky Dennis Bailey.

Potholm positively adores King and all the King's court including Bailey. About King, Potholm cock-a-doodle-does "one of two truly self-made figures in post-war Maine politics." (The other, he claims, being Jim Longley Sr.) Of the gov's press poisoner, Bailey, Potholm says, "one of the most effective press secretaries cum strategists of the last several decades."

Then why did Bailey rat-jump former political campaign ships and why does Bailey use the "dead agent" tactic on press critics of King? Dead agent is a term coined by scientists as an all-out effort by any means to destroy the credibility of a journalist or opponent.

Potholm's political dictionary is \$19.95 down a rat hole. He has about as much true insight into Maine politics as a space alien cemetery sexton. The best advice for anyone who has been intrigued or scammed into buying the thing is to throw the book away and use the bag for peanut shells.

(Veteran newsman and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

OUR BACK PAGES

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: The belfry from the former Woodstock School was purchased by Ken Snow, owner of Millstone Antiques, West Paris, from Richard Halstat of Oxford, who was hired by the Town of Woodstock to tear down the old school. Mr. Snow planned to convert the belfry to a gazebo which would overlook Andrew's Brook and Berry Ledge in West Paris.

Sam Timberlake submitted his resignation as code enforcement officer and plumbing inspector for the Town of Woodstock effective Feb. 1.

Jo and Romeo Baker opened their new art gallery on the Sunday River Road in Newry.

Wendy Penley opened her real estate agency, Mahoosuc Realty, in the Mountain View Mall at Cross and Main streets.

Clarence "Sonny" Remington was winner of the 1988 Zone Rookie of the Year Award for the Mid-Atlantic Zone by Colonial Life and Accident Insurance Company of Columbia, S.C.

Death: Dorothy Graves.

20 years ago: Bethel Area Health Center, on Lower Main Street (the former home of Tom and Edith Brown) opened its doors to the public on Tuesday, Jan. 2, with Dr. William Whitney and Dr. Stephen Bauer there three days a week and Kathie Tremblay, R.N., five days a week.

Ownership of the Robert Crane Associates Real Estate Agency was transferred from Robert Crane to John and Barbara Gasser.

Arnold Brown was appointed a trustee of the Bethel Water District to fill the unexpired term of Sumner Burgess.

The new Andover Post Office was nearly completed.

Births: Lisa Nardi, Ryan St. Pierre, Axel Annis.

Marriage: Patricia Anderson and Francis Peterson.

Deaths: Ada Lufkin, Paul Vik, Truman Durgin.

30 years ago: Paul B. Head retired as postmaster at West Bethel after 43 years.

Thomas Swan of Locke Mills was awarded the Greenwood Scholarship for 1968-69.

Gilbert's Trading Post and Gift Shop, Route 2, West Bethel, owned by Shirley Gilbert, announced it would close until spring.

Celia Gorman, Rita Davis, Cathy Davis, Edith Rowe, and Eva Perry took part in the week-long Audubon Bird Count and reported sighting 22 species, a total of 366 birds.

Birth: Wanita Burnham.

Marriage: Judith Myers and Harold Carver Jr.

Deaths: James Westleigh, Mildred Swinton, Clarence Taylor Sr.

40 years ago: Judith Freeman received her cap at the capping ceremonies of Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in Boston.

Enjoying furloughs at home in Bethel were Howard Gunther, on a 14-day leave from training at Fort Gordon, Ga., and Thomas Carter, home from Fort Dix, N.J.

Men's gym classes were held at the Gould Academy Field House on Monday evenings. Fifty cents per week allowed them use of the school's recreational facilities, locker rooms and showers (towels were not included).

Births: Robert Saunders, Sue Kendall, Linda Lou Andrews.

Marriage: Leona Lavalley and Bruce Tyler.

Deaths: Phila Mayhew, Laura Flavin, Joseph McGowan Sr., Luella Garvin, Lester Fuller, Harriet Linnell.

50 years ago: The American Legion Auxiliary voted to send four cartons of cigarettes to Togus.

Bryant Pond Primary School students with perfect attendance for the fall term were: Ruth Willard, Christine Berry, Margie Cox, Wayne Perry, Charles York, Mary Ellen Willard and Stephen Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Twitchell and family moved to Quebec, Vt.

John and Betty Tebbets moved to their new home on the Greenwood Road, Locke Mills.

Deaths: W. Scott Robertson, Richard McLaughlin.

100 years ago: J.P. Skillings' spool mill was shut down five weeks; since there were no spool orders, Eli Stearns was shipping a large number of hides out of Bethel.

Rep. Eben Kilborn (R-Bethel) began his duties in Augusta at the opening of the State Legislature.

Gould Academy was closed because of illness; Principal Hanscom was one of those afflicted.

The Methodist Society was holding revival meetings.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

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Classified Ads: Monday at 2 p.m.

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Briefly

Bethel to discuss beach purchase

BETHEL--Selectmen decided Monday to meet with the Recreation Committee and the Mahoosuc Land Trust to consider purchasing beach property on Songo Pond. The town currently does not have a public access beach area of its own. Town manager Phil Tarr said the cost of the lot is \$450,000, but it may be negotiable.

Sidewalk work recommended

WOODSTOCK--Selectmen plan to recommend at Town Meeting that the town spend \$20,000 to rebuild .7 mile of sidewalk through Bryant Pond Village. The town has delayed such work for several years in anticipation the state might make improvements to Route 26. But, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, that project will probably not get underway for several more years. Should MDOT eventually do the work and rip up the sidewalks, the state would pay to rebuild them again, he said.

Railroad St. lot sale approved

WOODSTOCK--Selectmen Tuesday accepted a bid of \$3,000 from Wendell Sweetser to purchase a 1.14-acre parcel of land on Railroad Street. Sweetser, whose home abuts the property, was the only bidder. The sale price equaled the minimum bid. Townspeople voted at a special Town Meeting in Oct. to put the parcel up for sale.

Get your permits in Greenwood

GREENWOOD--The Planning Board is reminding property owners that a permit is needed before proceeding with building and other construction in Greenwood. Several people were summoned to Monday's meeting to obtain a permit after the fact, prove they already had one or clarify they did not need one. Chair Marie Curtis also said applicants should realize they need to come directly to the board for a permit, rather than the Town Office.

Road maintenance questioned

ANDOVER--Complaints were raised at a public hearing last week regarding the plowing and maintenance of the East Andover Road. Discussion arose in connection with a proposal to purchase a \$97,000 plow truck for Andover. One resident said the road is often snow covered and hard packed, but at the Rumford town line the condition improves to bare pavement. Selectmen said they would look into the possibility of equipping a truck to carry a tank to spread liquid calcium chloride on the road, as Rumford does. Plans for financing the truck have not yet been finalized. The truck purchase will be considered at the annual Town Meeting.

Mead lays off 20

RUMFORD--Twenty hourly employees were paid off at Mead Paper Co. last week, bringing the total layoffs in recent weeks to 100. That number had been projected by the company several months ago. Ten other workers were called back last week for specific jobs at the mill. Twenty-nine management positions have been permanently eliminated. When Mead purchased the mill from Boise Cascade in 1996, the workforce stood at 1,430. It then grew to 1,500, and with the recent reductions has been reduced to 1,380.

Unemployment up slightly

AUGUSTA--Maine's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 4.5 percent in October from 4.3 percent in September, according to the Maine Department of Labor. The October rate still remained well below the October 1997 rate of 5.4 percent. The adjusted national rate for October was 4.2 percent.

N.H. rail corridor closed to snowmos

CONCORD, N.H.--Snowmobiles will be banned from using a rail corridor between Concord and the North Country this year because a railroad company plans to resume freight service on the line, probably in the spring. The rail corridor will be shut from Concord to Northfield. But the line will be open to snowmobiles between Northfield and Lincoln from Jan. 5 through March 31 as usual, state officials said. More sections of the railroad line could be closed in the future, but a New England Southern Railroad spokesman said he did not anticipate closure all the way to Lincoln.

ASC drops bond plan

NEWRY--The American Skiing Co. is junking its plans to sell \$300 million in high-risk bonds to finance development. The company decided to privately place \$45 million in senior secured notes and \$40 million in subordinated notes, according to spokesman Skip King. "The \$300-million bond issue was one of several options we were looking at, but all we really needed was \$85 million, which is what we got," he said. "Ultimately, we decided on this because it was a better deal for the company." The company also reported that it has closed on a \$30 million construction loan for its 100 percent pre-sold Sundial Lodge condominium hotel project at The Canyons in Utah. Proceeds of the notes, combined with a previously existing \$145 million construction loan, complete the core capital requirements of the company's 36-month real estate development plan. Recourse on the indebtedness is limited to the company's real estate subsidiaries. "Everything is moving ahead on schedule," King said. "The Grand Summit (in Steamboat Springs) will continue to go up. It will be open on schedule. Other projects will begin on time." The other projects are scheduled at Steamboat, The Canyons, Sunday River, and Heavenly, Calif., resorts.

1999 should bring economic growth

PROVIDENCE, R.I.--The new year is expected to ring in slower economic growth in New England, but no end to the expansion of the last several years, according to one economic consulting firm. Standard & Poor's DRI, a Lexington, Mass.-based advisor to large corporations, forecasts that annual job growth will be cut in half, to 0.8 percent. Unemployment is expected to increase 0.4 percent, to 4 percent. Real personal income is expected to grow 2 percent, less than two-thirds the rate in 1998. The economies of Maine and Vermont will be stronger, due partly to lower energy costs. Lower fuel prices make it cheaper to pay for heat during the states' cold winters. Maine, which has momentum from a strong second half in 1998, is expected to have the best job-growth rate in the region, at 1.4 percent. Although the manufacturing of shoes, textiles and other goods will drop 3.7 percent, construction of a natural gas pipeline and increases in low-paying, financial services support jobs in northern Maine will improve the picture.

Lift evacuated in Vermont

SHERBURNE, Vt.--About a dozen skiers were evacuated safely from a malfunctioning chairlift at Pico Mountain ski resort Friday afternoon. State lift inspector Joseph Devenow said the incident was the first evacuation of the ski season. Devenow said he received a call from resort officials at about 4:30 p.m. that the lift had stopped and that people were taken off by rope and harness. The evacuation took about 45 minutes in frigid temperatures. It was later learned a cracked bearing inside a gear box caused the lift to stop moving. The chairlift was reopened Saturday. Pico is part of the Killington Ski Area.

Free health tests for women

AUGUSTA--Maine women age 50 or older may receive mammograms and pap tests at no cost if they meet certain criteria, according to the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program of the Department of Human Services. Eligible women must have no insurance, or insurance that does not cover the tests or carries a high deductible, and meet income limits for family size. Call 1-800-350-5180 for more information. MBCHP recommends all women 40 and older have an annual mammogram.

From the Bethel Police log:

The Grinch that stole the leftovers

At 10 a.m. on Dec. 31 a caller reported that over the weekend someone had forced entry into the office of a local business. The subjects ate the remains of the employee Christmas party and damaged the snack machine.

Also on Dec. 31

At 11 a.m. the Sheriff's Office received several calls regarding a west-bound vehicle, described as a small white Subaru, driving at a high rate of speed on Route 2, making unsafe passes, etc. The officer attempted to overtake the vehicle to the Gilead town line, without success.

At 8:47 p.m. police received a report of a vehicle accident on the Sunday River Road. The driver was attempting to pass a car when he hit a patch of ice and left the road, striking a large rock. There were no injuries.

Friday, Jan. 1

At 3:29 p.m. police were called to a Route 2 location near the Androscoggin River for a snowmobile accident. On arrival, the officer was told by a subject that her children and some friends were riding in a field near the river when one of the children lost control of the machine he was operating. The child and the snowmobile went off a 15-foot embankment next to the river. He fell off the sled when it hit the ice. The boy then made his way back to shore and the snowmobile went for about 75 feet before it stopped on the ice near the middle of the river. The boy was not hurt, and the sled suffered little or no damage. The case was to be turned over to the Warden Service for investigation.

Sunday, Jan. 3

At 2:10 p.m. police assisted the Bethel Fire Department at the Bethel House for a report of a fire in one of the apartments. The fire was out on arrival, and the scene was contained by the fire department.

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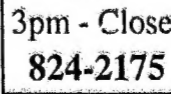
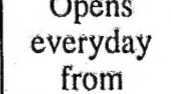
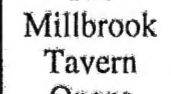
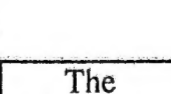
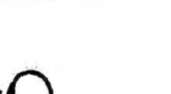
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Sunday River agrees to limit roadside signs

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry and Sunday River Ski Resort came up with an agreement Tuesday to reduce the number of movable signs displayed near the skiway.

Jeff Sterling of SRSR met with selectmen after Lisa Scott, the town's code enforcement officer, received complaints about signs along the access road to the resort.

Scott said she spoke to Sterling last week regarding three signs in particular: a sandwich sign at the Summit Hotel's entrance road advertising entertainment; a sign in the entrance road to the White Cap Lodge directing guests elsewhere for certain services; and a banner on an overpass just beyond the South Ridge Lodge directing people to the Walsh and Hill Restaurant.

Newry's sign ordinance does not allow movable or portable signs unless they are related to traffic control. Scott said the signs in question have a promotional purpose. "You're advertising a product," she said.

Selectman Steve Wight said too many signs in a town "cheapens the whole look. We need to draw the line between (providing) public information and cluttering the roads."

The selectmen agreed with Sterling, however, that the overpass sign was permissible because it is located on private skiway property that is not visible from the public road.

As for the type of information presented on the other two signs, Scott suggested the skiway instead apply for a permit to erect a single, changeable sign that would display all events and activities taking place at the resort.

The CEO emphasized she "had no problem" with other signs clearly used for traffic control.

Another type of sign -- plastic banners displaying the names of products as event sponsors -- will also be disappearing from the roadside, Sterling said.

Such signs are often attached to Sunday River's permanent signs by the product vendors themselves, he said. Sterling has asked the resort's Marketing Department to put an end to the practice.

Sunday River is not the only business that has been in violation of the sign ordinance. At Scott's request, other Newry businesses along the Sunday River Road have also removed illegal signs, she said.

Bingo hall

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Meador) in 1988 and thus qualified as having been purchased before the 1991 deadline, but the tribe did not transfer title to the United States until October of 1994 -- more than three years after the deadline.

In defending its decision to approve the bingo hall despite the fact that this deadline was missed, LURC argued (based on counsel it received from the Maine Attorney General's Office) that the deadline was the result of "a scrivener's or clerical error," and did not reflect the intent of the Legislature.

Justice Humphrey, however, found no evidence of such an error, and thus no grounds for interpreting the law other than as it is written.

In reaching that conclusion, the justice also pointed to the failure in 1997 of L.D. 964, which have extended the 1991 deadline until 2001.

The failure of that bill, he wrote, was evidence that the Legislature saw no "error" in the law as it currently exists.

"The court must infer," he concludes, "that the statute's plain language reflects the legislative intent. Accordingly, the court concludes that the Parcel in Albany cannot be considered part of the Passamaquoddy Indian Territory."

Justice Humphrey did not rule directly on a second key issue raised by the bingo-hall opponents: whether the LURC board in its decision correctly applied the community-need requirement of own regulations.

Having already ruled that the

Rejecting the 'scrivener's or clerical error' argument, the court ruled that what the law said was what the Legislature intended, and that the land in Albany was submitted too late to qualify as 'Indian Territory.'

bingo hall would not be legal in Albany because the parcel was not Indian Territory, Justice Humphrey wrote, LURC's "findings of need are not appropriate because they are based on the operation of a high stakes bingo facility which this court concludes may not legally exist on the Tribe's trust property in Albany Township. The inability of the Passamaquoddy to lawfully establish a high stakes bingo facility undercuts LURC's findings of community need because there is no use proposed by the Tribe's petition that would provide revenue for the Tribe or attract additional visitors to the Bethel area. Accordingly, the agency's decision to grant the rezoning petition must be vacated and reversed."

"LURC's decision to grant the special development permit to the Tribe must also be vacated because LURC abused its discretion and

committed an error of law by granting a permit for an activity that is not legal."

In a footnote, Justice Humphrey noted that LURC's logic was not flawed, but that the reasoning was based upon the false premise (provided in the legal advice from the Attorney General's Office) that the parcel qualified as Indian Territory.

LURC Chairman Steve Wight of Newry was one of the board members who voted to approve the bingo hall.

Wight said Tuesday he was surprised by the ruling, and he pointed to the footnote as evidence that LURC had dealt fairly with the matter. "All our reasoning was based on the assumption that the land was Indian Territory," he said, "and that the tribe was allowed to have a bingo hall on Indian Territory."

Appeal possible

This week's decision may not be the final word in the bingo hall matter. LURC and the Passamaquoddy, either jointly or individually, have 30 days to file an appeal with the Maine Supreme Court.

Assistant Attorney General Jeff Pidot, who represented LURC, said a decision on whether to appeal will be made jointly by the A.G.'s office and LURC.

Pidot, who is himself a former director of LURC, said that to the best of his knowledge this is the first time a LURC decision has been overturned at the superior court level.

Richard Doyle, governor of the Passamaquoddy's Pleasant Point Reservation, could not be reached for comment Tuesday. He has reportedly said the tribe plans to discuss its options at a meeting on Jan. 13.

Greg Sample, the tribe's attorney, said he did not know if an appeal was planned, "but I'd be surprised if the tribe was not interested."

He said the decision was disappointing, especially in light of the economic need of the tribe, and in its legal analysis.

For their part, Rosenblatt and Wille expressed confidence that their victory would withstand any appeal.

"I've always been confident about how we would do in the courts, at either the superior or supreme court level," Rosenblatt said.

Wille said the briefs for their case had been prepared from the start for a trial in the state Supreme Court.

If there is an appeal, she said, "We're ready."

Listen to the ice rumble

Dotty Duddy, president of the Albany Improvement Association, conceded the fight was probably not over.

"But right now," she said, "we're just delighted, and a little bit stunned. We want to thank everyone who helped make this victory possible -- and so many people contributed in so many ways."

Duddy said that Wednesday morning, the day after she learned of the decision, she walked out on Hutchinson Pond, "and I thought to myself, 'I can hear the rumbling of the Old Man in the Ice, and not the roaring of traffic on Hunt's Corner Road.'"

Grant

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boards were also angered that Wright-Pierce waited until July of last year to let the town know about the increasing costs.

The dispute has been the subject of numerous meetings and discussions since then, many involving the town's attorney.

Monday, however, the selectmen voted to have Tarr apply for the grant (which Rural Development stipulates can only be used for paying the contested bill) and for him to attempt to hammer out a mutually acceptable compromise figure with Wright-Pierce.

But the vote to go ahead with the arrangement did not come easy for the board members.

Chairman Dutch Dresser, speaking for selectman Bob Chadbourne (who was not present Monday), said Chadbourne was still unconvinced the town should be paying the money in the first place.

And Dresser expressed his own misgivings with paying the additional money.

"It appears," he said, "we have an avenue that doesn't cost the Bethel taxpayers directly from Bethel money or the ratepayers directly

from ratepayer money to resolve this issue, presuming Wright-Pierce is willing to settle for \$100,000 as opposed to the \$114,000 they've asked for. ... but there remains out there the question of whether or not we should have to pay this in the first place."

"I've seen this too many times now and I don't like anything about it. You find yourself a solution and you let those principle sort of questions go away."

But, he said, "The flip side of it is you could fight it for thousands and thousands of dollars and then discover at the end that you had to do this anyway, and you've got the bills to boot. I think that's probably what gets most people to reconcile it."

Selectman Don Bennett summed the situation up by saying: "It sounds like a rock and a hard place."

Becky Kendall, one of a half dozen Budget Committee members present Monday, concurred. "I think we're going to lose either way," she said, "so why go to the effort (of a legal battle). ... but it is a cop-out to pay them."

Bennett said he was willing "to go the \$100,000 route, but if someone comes back and says they want that other \$14,000, my hackles are going to go up in a hurry. Its a dead-end road -- we're going down that road once and that's it."

A motion to apply for the grant passed unanimously.

Despite the dilemma the board

members found themselves in, treatment plant operator Rob Gunderson said: "I think we're really lucky getting that \$100,000 from Rural Development -- we've gotten a lot of money out of them over the years."

Gunderson said he believed the town was offered the money because the Rural Development official involved with such projects throughout the state came up here "saw the job mushroom; he saw the engineers getting burned, I think, and he saw the town getting in over their heads. ... He knew that to get things going he had to throw more money at it."

DEP offers loan discount

In a related matter, Tarr told the board that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection has made available a grant in the form of an interest-rate subsidy that will allow the town to refinance its sewer debt (approximately \$1.3 million) at a lower rate.

The refinancing, Tarr said, would save the town \$225,000.

There is also a possibility, he said, that approximately \$500,000 in additional bond money will be available to directly offset user fees.

That money would be available, he said, because of Bethel's relatively high sewer user fees. The selectmen recently approved a two-year budget that calls for a 37.5 percent increase in user fees -- in large part due to the treatment plant upgrade.

Winter Fest

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Beer Tasting at the Bethel Inn & Country Club's Conference Center on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Participating breweries include Sunday River Brewing Company, D.L. Geary's, Shipyard, Sea Dog, Allagash, Gritty McDuff and Casco Bay.

A skating party will take place Saturday beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the Bethel Common, with hot cocoa and cookies on sale to support the March of Dimes. There will also be a story and craft hour at Pooh Corner Farm on Sunday.

A dedication ceremony for the Bethel Winter Fest committee's attempt to build the World's Largest Snowman will be held Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Maine Army National Guard

was scheduled to be in Bethel from Jan. 4 to 8, trucking snow from Sunday River Ski Resort to the Bethel Station site where the 110-foot snowman is to be built.

Due to the warm, early winter weather, the group expects to be halfway there by the hoped-for Jan. 9 goal.

During the middle of the week the group expected to have a snowcat grooming vehicle on the site to begin forming the 80-foot-wide base of the snowman. Once the snowcat has reached its goal, cranes from Bancroft Contracting, W.D. Matthews and Keeley Crane Service will move in to complete the 110-foot goal by late January or early February.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF JAN. 11

SAD44 Middle/High Breakfast Program

Assorted cereal, assorted fruit juice, milk variety, plain bagel, cream cheese, breakfast pizza w/ham and egg, apple turnover, pastry bites, honey bun, donut, chocolate donut, french toast sticks, dates, p/butter, fresh apples, syrup.

SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program

Monday: Sausage patty, mashed potato, sliced carrots, biscuit, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger/macaroni, green beans, bread, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, potato chips, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Thursday: Ground beef and macaroni, green beans, bread/butter, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk variety.

Friday: Italian sandwich, potato chips, hot veggie bar, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, milk variety.

SAD44 Elementary School Breakfast

Monday-Friday: Assorted cereals, assorted fruit juices, 1 percent milk, toast/jelly cup/p/butter (Mon.) scrambled eggs/ham (Tues.), donut (Wed.).

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- ✓ FEBRUARY 1 - Employers must furnish W-2 statements to employees. 1099 information statements must be furnished by banks, brokers, and other payors.
- ✓ FEBRUARY 1 - Employers must file 1998 Federal Unemployment tax returns and pay any tax due.
- ✓ MARCH 1 - Payors must file information returns (such as 1099's) with the IRS.
- ✓ MARCH 1 - Employers must send W-2 copies to the Social Security Administration.
- ✓ MARCH 1 - Farmers and fisherman who did not make 1998 estimated tax payments must file tax returns and pay taxes in full.
- ✓ MARCH 15 - 1998 calendar-year corporation income tax returns are due.
- ✓ APRIL 15 - Individual income tax returns for 1998 are due.
- ✓ APRIL 15 - 1998 Partnership returns are due.
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- ✓ APRIL 15 - Deadline for making 1998 IRA contributions.
- ✓ APRIL 15 - First installment of 1999 individual estimated tax is due.
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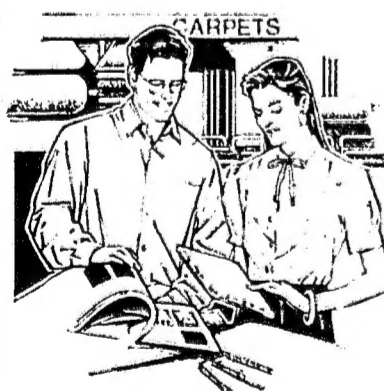
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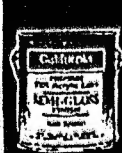
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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Elizabeth Bane has returned home after spending the holidays with her children.

Doug and Sue Bane and son in Palmyra and Barbara McLaughlin and family in Derry.

Holiday guests of Don and Eleanor Brooks were Tom and Donna Rowe, Meg and Tara Lunney of South Rumbold; Mike and Karen Rosenberg, Ben and Liz of Bryant Pond; Herman and Tatum Brown and Christian of Sabattus; Doug and Sue Brooks, Kristen, Lauren, Michael and Maggie of Benton. Several grandchildren visited for a few days.

Linda and Michael Gilbert are back in their home as of Christmas Eve, after awaiting repairs following a recent fire.

New Year's Eve guests of Linda, Michael and Amanda Gilbert were Francine Gilbert of Canada, Richard and Lucille Gilbert of South Paris, Von and Fran Gilbert of Mechanic Falls, Bert Gilbert of Auburn, and Christopher Snow of Hampden.

Amanda Gilbert is on Christmas break from the University of Maine at Orono, where she is majoring in bio-chemistry.

Betsy Stowell, Sean and Jessica of Massachusetts, also Tim McLean, joined Dexter and Jan Stowell and thoroughly enjoyed Bethel's first New Year's special celebration and the weekend.

Christmas holiday guests of Barbara Mahler were daughter Susan and David Lavine of Nashua, N.H. Julia Brown is at home after being at the nursing home for a time.

Eric Gunther finally made it home to see his grandmother, Frances Gunther, and other friends and relatives for the Christmas holiday. He was traveling in the ice storm south of us and was delayed for over 14 hours in the Philadelphia airport. At

one point there were 20 planes ahead of his to be de-iced; the crew had been on duty too long so passengers were put on stand-by with another airline. Eric arrived in Bethel in time to share the holiday with his family, but his luggage didn't arrive until the night before he had to return. We are all thankful that Eric and other passengers arrived home safely. Eric arrived back in Nashville on Sunday, the 27th, to find there was still some ice on his car in his yard. However, it was gone by the next day.

Sandra Gunther enjoyed having Scott, Debbie, Ashley and Chelsie Gunther from West Peru and Eric Gunther from Nashville, Tenn., on Christmas Day.

Guests of Peter and Lisa Roth over New Year's weekend were Mary Lou and Richard Roth of Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

The New Year's Bethel Celebration was an outstanding success and plans for a repeat next year are already in progress.

The new BIG Adventure laser tag

and snack bar facility, on the Northwest Bethel Road, opened on Dec. 26. A climbing wall will be completed by the latter part of February and a mini golf course is planned for opening in late spring.

Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

By the time this gets in the paper it will be another year.

I am so lame now that I wonder how I am going to get the groceries and get to the bank. I am greatly in hopes that I can do better when the snow and ice is gone again, but I do not expect to get out much on my own this winter.

I am in hopes that someone will be available to take me to the store and bank, etc. Hope folks will call on me and also phone me -- that could brighten my day a lot.

Cindy Millett called on me on Wednesday and brought me a gift. She is a very dear friend.

Vada was up on Wednesday and took me to Dr. Porter's to get my

new lenses and we ate at Shaner's. We had chicken pie and it certainly is as good as that I got at Market Square recently that was just great.

Vada and I played cribbage and now at 1022 games we are tied. She has been here 40 times in 1998.

If only more people could find time to phone or call or write a note now and then. I do get phone calls and visitors but many days not a soul phones or visits.

Eva Lane has been transferred from Rumbold Community Home to CMMC, as she has a hairline fracture in her left hip now. It was her right hip that she broke on Sept. 30.

It is hard for me to get my trash to the dumpster. Vada took it down yesterday and Drew takes it if I have some ready when he is here. Doug is very nice, too; he will take it if it is ready when he comes to clean the walks. We have a large barrel on the end of the verandah and when it is slippery or stormy we can put trash in that to be

transferred to the dumpster later, and with help of others I used to try to keep that empty, but I cannot do it any more and Doug has not had work here so it was full to the brim yesterday, until Vada took some of it down. Hope some able person will come to the rescue on that account.

Cathy Newell visited me recently and brought me needhams, fudge and a card that had gift certificates to Pat's Pizza and now I can have a pizza, lobster roll or baked had-dock if I can get a ride over and back. I do feel so discouraged some days and then I realize how lucky I am.

I certainly hope I can get to church every Sunday. Someone will see to that if it is so I can get to the road. But Doug can shovel the snow bank and the grader goes through and there is more snow than I can get through and I cannot shovel it anymore.

I have games here and if someone could just come in and play. I certainly had a wonderful

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Christmas Day. I spent it with Sonny and Nancy Cummings and Bunk, Rhonda, Darcie and Darren Buker at the home of Sonny and Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cummings spent Christmas in Florida with Becky's parents.

I told Santa I wanted a continuous cribbage board. Well, I got three. One is for two players and the other two three players can play.

Oh, I had many other lovely gifts, too; in fact, probably more than I deserve. Santa's pack must have been heavy if everyone got treated as well as I did. I guess he wanted me to eat in 1999 as besides getting lots of goodies, I have been promised at least five meals at Wayne's and Becky's and I got four gift certificates good at Pat's Pizza. All my other gifts were really appreciated, too. I hope that a couple of my meals at Wayne's and Becky's are baked beans. Either one of them can make a lovely pot of beans.

Helena Bartlett had Christmas with Paul and Marie Bartlett.

Olga Morgan had Christmas dinner with her daughter, Kathy, and other family members.

Rebecca Ricker had Christmas dinner with Mildred Newell.

Drew and Judy Webster had Mr. and Mrs. Doug Webster and David Webster as Christmas Day guests.

I had a chance to talk with Bruce Cummings in Anchorage, Alaska,

on Christmas Day. The temperature was about the same there as it was here at the time.

Irene Russell and other family members recently attended a candlelight service at the Rumford Point Church when her great-grandson, Brandon Stearns, was baptized by the Rev. Deborah Jenks.

Irene Russell spent Christmas Day with her daughter, Judy Gagnon, and family in Cumberland Center.

Eva Lane was expected to be able to return to the Rumford Community Home from CMMC on Dec. 28.

The title of Pastor Rick's message for Sunday, Dec. 27, was "God's Sovereignty, Christmas and the New Year."

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will hold a regular meeting on Jan. 8 at Stanley Howe's home on Broad Street, Bethel, at 7 p.m.

Kelly Vascik with her daughters, Teleah and Natasha; Gena Morgan of Conway, N.H.; George Olson Jr.; and Debra Olson all gathered at George Olson's for a Christmas Eve family get-together.

Dave and Holly Currier and baby were at Ellie Andrew's for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. In the afternoon they went to visit Holly's father in Oxford.

Esiter and Stan Wilson had a houseful on Christmas Eve. The four new babies born in 1998 were there to join the family gathering.

Louise Twitchell was in the hospital just before Christmas for tests. Tracy and Jeff Milligan of Connecticut, Burt and Penny Tibbetts of Oxford, Jeremy Twitchell of Dixfield, and Stuart and Roian Twitchell had Christmas with Roger and Louise Twitchell.

Polly Smith had Christmas dinner with Gary Smith and Wanda Howard in Rumford. Just before Christmas she had a big dinner with Jim and Donna Bernard in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Aube and son, Conner, of Portland and Jill Olson, home from U.M.F., spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Neil and Linda Olson.

Chris and Cindy Olson, with sons Karl and Kane had Christmas with Cindy's parents in Otisfield. The boys had a fun vacation with movies and basketball.

Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta visited Leslie Noyes and Nina Mollicone from Dec. 24 to 27. Alice Grant of Cape Elizabeth visited on Dec. 19-27. Elise Grant of Laurel, Md., visited on New Year's Eve.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl had a quiet Christmas, as the family was sick and couldn't come. New Year's Eve

they went to the celebration in Bethel. They went to all the different activities and had a good time.

Jim and Sheri Rose had all the family, both sides, at their home for Christmas.

Linc and Sue Fiske spent Christmas at The Balsams in New Hampshire.

Avis Moore and Brandon joined the family in Fayette at Terry Dyer's. All enjoyed the gathering.

Mary Bean, Peter Mason with children Monica and Chad, Peggy Coolidge, and Steve and Pam Wojtylak of Westbrook had a big Christmas dinner with John and Penny Kiltredge.

Richard and Pat Kimball joined the family at Penny Savage's in Bryant Pond, for a family gathering and dinner on Christmas Day.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball had Christmas with Bruce and Velora Tuominen and children in North Norway.

Diana Howe had 16 people come for a family gathering on Christmas Day.

Peter Haines cooked up a lovely dinner, with John and Nancy Haines with Beth Ann and Joey, George and Charlene Haines with Lisa and Jim, and Nancy Mercer to help eat it on Christmas Eve.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala had Christmas dinner with Alan and Mary Alice Bancroft on Paris Hill. George Hastings and family visited Rudi and Barbara on Dec. 26.

At Bob and Gertrude Hinkley's, all the family gathered on Dec. 24 for the Christmas celebration.

On Jan. 2, Gertrude Hinkley visited Vera Hinkley and Margaret Walker in Oxford.

Scott and Ellen Franklin with children of Texas, came to visit Sonny and Bettyann Hastings and the family on Dec. 24.

All the Hastings family gathered at Alan and Mary Alice Bancroft's on Paris Hill on Dec. 25. Only one family couldn't make it, but there were still 56 people to celebrate Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Schuam were there, also.

Carl and Dori Hallman with Heather and Whitney of Durham spent Christmas with Arlene Harrington.

Jim Hannagan's father from Denmark, Kate Mullen and son Ben, and Samantha Mullen of Limestone had Christmas with Wally and Jim Hannagan and Ryan.

Charles and Mary Lee Haines were at Ledgeview Nursing Home on Christmas Eve to give Floribel Haines a 94th birthday party.

On Dec. 27, Angie Hebert and son, Chuck Haines and family, Bernie and Christie Haines of New Hampshire, and Scott and Judy Haines and family had a big Christmas gathering at Charles and Mary Lee Haines'.

Justin Gilbert was home for the holidays from college in South Carolina. He had Christmas with Ron and Karen Gilbert and their

son, Zachary.

Albert Foster had Christmas with Dick and June Stearns and their family in Rumford Corner. His sister, Grace Smith, fell on Jan. 2 and chipped a bone in her elbow. She now has a cast on the arm and it will be there for at least six weeks.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Annex on Thursday, Jan. 7, at

11:30 a.m. This is the meeting that dues are to be paid. There will be a potluck dinner; each one is to bring a dish to share (hot dish, salad or dessert) plus your own silverware, plate and cup. There will also be a silent auction. Please bring an item for that. All senior citizens are welcome.

Judith Grover Tent 17 will hold their meeting the third Monday of January instead of the second. That is Jan. 18, with a supper before the meeting at 6 p.m. Please bring your own silverware. This is installation of officers.

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had 13 for dinner and tree, then in the afternoon my sister and some of her family came so we had 21 for supper. On Saturday, Bob and Gwenn came and there were 12 for dinner. It was a lot of fun.

Zylpha and George Gibbs entertained her family on Dec. 26 with 29 attending and on Christmas they joined the Rodney Abbott family for a total of 16.

Bryant Pond Hour on Channel IV TV is each Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Good News Club is held at the annex of the Baptist Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m. All school-age children are welcome.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Jan. 9, for a meeting and Taisto Koskela will be on the program. The society offers imaginative programs and activities to the public. They have received a wall ornament with a classical motif as an exhibit. Curator Larry Billings says the museum is now really outstanding and that the society has expanded its collections considerably in recent months.

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

The first day of the new year brought the deer into the yard.

The combination of the snow and the cold usually tells them a good meal is available. The mix of apples and commercial deer feed keeps them warm and healthy all winter. They also like some salad in their diet, so we send them up to Joy's garden. She does not welcome their gourmet tendencies with open arms.

There were several New Year's Eve celebrations in town, but most folks went to bed at their regular time knowing full well that Jan. 1st would get there anyway.

The ice on the lake was just what the doctor ordered for Christmas vacationers. The Folsom household played hockey on very smooth ice. Ken Fysh's grandchildren from Berlin and Florida made the most of the ice and skated from morning to night. They also had a hockey game and used little brother Ryan as the goal (not the goalie).

The snow machines are back in use and there are several new ones in action. Gene Wixom and Larry Nelson are trying to break the sound barrier with their new rigs.

Visitors were plentiful all week all over town. At the Wixoms were Jim and Chris Wixom and their two sons, Kev and Ty. The boys are budding figure skaters.

The Nelsons' guests included Doctor Don and Linda Hartwick from Connecticut and Fred and Kathy Hartwick from New York. Larry and Sue are proud grandparents of a new baby girl, Christine Linea Truelson, born in Sweden. Through the magic of the Internet they were able to see the new baby and her family in colored pictures of the event.

Horace and Pat Goodrum also had a houseful of family for the week. There were children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Guests at "Cookie" and Al Pelletiers' met with an accident on Route 26 on Wednesday. The rear end of their car collided with a truck. The back section of the truck was demolished. The two people in the front seat were transported to the Colebrook Hospital via the Erol ambulance. The personnel on the ambulance were at their finest, as usual, and this old nurse was just a spectator. The injured parties were released from the hospital and have

returned to their homes.

Becky Kendall drove up from Bethel to visit Richard and me on Saturday. She brought her wonderful fruit cake that we look forward to each year. Becky also presented us with a check for the Bell Tower Fund. Her gift is in memory of her husband, Maurice L. Kendall, and their happy summers in Upton at the Winter Lake House.

In regard to the Bell Tower Fund, the Yarnell Family have donated 10 copies of the "History of Upton" by Charles E. Heywood. The book is out of print as I speak. The copies are \$20 each and may be obtained from Sue Nelson, at (207) 533-2285 or HCR 61 Box Upton, ME 04261.

Becky and I spent several hours swapping medical yarns. As you remember, she was Doc Young's right hand for many years. One of our favorite stories happened about 35 years ago. Elsie Fuller had broken a rib. Since she didn't have a telephone, Jenny Judkins conveyed the instructions from the doctor. The message was "take two aspirin and jump into bed." Jenny then hesitated and said "or was it 'jump into bed and take two aspirin.'" She still gets a kick out of it to this day.

Next week we will include the annual Climatological Report for 1998 from Upton. Walter Stanczyk is preparing it. Here is my report -- It snowed, there was an ice storm, it rained, the sun came out once in awhile, and the wind blew over a tree which knocked the heck out of my boat.

Happy New Year.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Eleven members of Stoneham Volunteer Firemen met on Tuesday night at the Fire Station.

The booster club started Jan. 5. If anyone wants to buy a ticket, they can see Albert Fox, the fire chief. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be Jan. 26, the last Tuesday of the month.

Budget meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18 at the Town Office. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Shirley Grant from Mechanic Falls spent the Christmas holidays with Frances Grant.

Sharon Traish, Jaffer, Aisha and Nowal from Belmont, Mass., spent Christmas with her parents, Albert and Eleanor Nelson. Matthew Nelson went back to Massachusetts with them on Sunday, for a visit during school vacation.

I imagine the skiers are happy with the snow which arrived here yesterday.

Christine Nelson from Woburn, Mass., spent Saturday afternoon with Albert and Eleanor Nelson and family.

Linda and Neal Allen had a nice family gathering on Dec. 26 at their home.

Please everyone be careful skating on the ice at the lakes. The kids have been having a school vacation.

Thelma Dadmun and I called on Jean Edwards in Fryeburg one day recently.

Eric Nelson is home on vacation from his college in New York and is working during vacation at the Wiles Funeral Home.

A week ago, Loretta Andrews and I attended the musical play, "Another Christmas," at the United Church of Christ at Lovell Center and enjoyed it very much. This is put on by the young people of the community. The script and music was by Dennis Barker. The members of the cast do an exceptional

job at this and do awfully good work. I do hope they continue doing these musical plays.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Read Grover, who passed away this past week. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was the son of Dwight and Mary Grover and graduated from Fryeburg Academy and the University of Maine at Orono in 1976. He operated Fred P. Saunders Dowell Mill in Bridgton most recently. Funeral services were held at the North Waterford Congregational Church with the Reverends Janice Wilcox and Norman Rust officiating. Masonic services were conducted by Mt. Tiram Lodge AF and AM 132 of Waterford. In lieu of flowers, donations in Read's memory may be sent to the Waterford Sports and Recreation group or to the Mt. Tiram Lodge building fund.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley

Bowling at the Oxford Lanes in Rumford recently were Karlene Bachelder, Gil Seeley and Eleanor Davis. Of the overall scores, Karlene and Gil tied on the triples, but Karlene beat her on the singles by two pins; she had two spares and Gil one spare.

Tracy (Bachelder) and Fred Richardson and daughter, Leah, from Minnesota, were recent visitors of Tracy's grandparents, Ras and Karlene Bachelder; Leah is their great-granddaughter. Also visiting the Bachelders were Michelle Josephson (another granddaughter) and son, Nick, who is their great-grandson.

Lia and son, Luke, and Keith Durgin enjoyed an evening before Christmas with about a dozen friends and neighbors. Great conversation, coffee, punch and goodies.

Sylvia Harrington and Gil Seeley spent a few hours and had coffee and pie with Sylvia Wight one day.

A Christmas card was received by the Ladies Circles from Jim and Polly Browne of the New Tribe Mission. It was a sad one; Polly had an operation for breast cancer and gets radiation treatments. Some time after February they will be in Sanford, Fla., to the New Tribe Homes for the missionaries. We hope to hear from them again later.

Ras and Karlene and yours truly had dinner Christmas Day at their daughter's and son-in-law's, Heidi and Arlan Littlefield, and son, Jodi.

Some "guardian angels" came the week of Christmas at the Bachelders and did some chores around to make their winter season easier. God Bless them.

The Newry Mother's Club will meet on Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Building.

December birthday parties for Brenda, Nancy and Brad Wight and Retta Berry were held at John and Nancy Wight's on Christmas Eve. Family and friends also had dinner plus the Christmas tree on Dec. 24.

Dani Littlehale is home from

college for a month.

On Christmas Day, Mike Wight, Terri Littlehale, Retta Berry, Ed Powers, Brad, Brenda, Kati, Kurt and Kevin Wight were dinner guests of their parents and grandparents, John and Nancy Wight.

I want to thank everyone who gave me gifts and goodies during the holidays; it was wonderful and God Bless you all for being so kind.

Greenwood City



by Colista Morgan

December brought us many good days for a ramble through the woods or by the pond's shore,

but I couldn't travel through as in years gone. At times the sky was overcast and the temperature warm. In the subdued light the colors of the countryside were beautiful in a quiet way -- browns, buffs, grays and siennas. Even the ice or water reflected these restful tones.

Many of the brown cylinders of last summer's cattails were beginning to break apart. Nearby were some milkweed cases. I helped nature by setting their seeds off on aerial journeys. Of course, nature needed no help but it was fun to take the liberty of helping her.

I remember that at times in the blissful silence, a partridge exploded from the underbrush and roared off through the pines. The sudden departure of one of these is always startling.

After traveling for an hour or more I traveled home. At times I would carry with me a cone-bearing twig from a pitch pine.

I'm glad I made those hikes and can still recall them today.

By now the excitement of Christmas is just another memory. I went to two parties, one at the farm with the Holts and the next day on Hayes Hill at the Curtis party. At this gathering there were some over 40 people. There were many children and Santa came. What a happy but noisy time. It reminded me of school Christmas days. In fact, there were several I had spent Christmas days with in my school room.

Now I wish you a Happy New Year with good health all the way.

Welcome 1999!

All families gathered with their relatives and enjoyed the holidays.

West Paris



by Miriam Inman

Christmas guests at the home of Maxine Cram and Arlene Farr were Arnold, Sandy and Andy

Cram of Harrison; Amy and Troy Fox; Terry, Georgia and Alicia Cram; Adam Cram and Leland Doughty.

Vance, Connie and Ken Bacon joined a large group of the Walton families on Christmas Day at the Nichols' home in Oxford.

Wendy Lamb and Bill Hayes of Valdosta, Ga., spent 10 days over the holidays with her mother, Joyce

Lamb. Jude Lamb of Bar Harbor was also there for a couple of days. Overnight and Christmas Day those present were Nina and Rob Hyssong of Portland, Kyra McLaughlin and Gene Flaherty of Old Orchard Beach, and Kelly and Cameron Hartley of Auburn. On Christmas Day Ken, Paula, Kenny, Caleb, Kyle, Catherine and Carolyn Lamb from South Paris joined the gathering.

Marshall Inman from Fairbanks, Alaska, has been visiting his parents for three weeks. He thinks the weather was balmy (?) until the windy sub-zero weather. He said he'll be glad to get back to 15 degrees below zero and no wind.

The Vern Inman Christmas was held at North Conway with daughter Vicky and her husband Sandy, Brant and Caroline. Those there were Ginny Aridas; Marshall Inman; Walt, Kim, Vern and Walter Jr. Inman; Tony Bouchard; and Vern and Miriam Inman.

Late news item: On Dec. 17 there was a semi-public installation of newly elected officers of Granite Lodge 182 as follows: worshipful master, Walter Inman Sr.; senior warden, Terry Campbell; junior warden, James Todd; secretary, Joseph Perham; treasurer, Ronald Boutilier; senior deacon, Fredric Campbell; junior deacon, Gavin Hutchinson; chaplain, Harold Wilbur; marshal, O'Neil Mills; senior steward, Howard Corbett; tyler, Albert Penley Jr. There were 14 non-members present for an impressive service.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Songo Pond



by Alice Kimball

"Let this New Year be the beginning of a new life in each of us wherein 'old' things are passed away."

Let all blessed old things stay, but let the clutter of our heads and hearts be removed, that new inspirations and new affections may come in to gladden our lives." -- Charles B. Emerson

I spent several days over Christmas with the Bean-Turner family at The Cape in Otisfield and Sarah and Mike Dailey in South Paris. They brought me home Sunday, where we enjoyed our family Christmas. Others attending were Amber Bean, who was home for the holidays from her work and schooling in Oregon; Ethel and Craig Turner of Otisfield; Kassi and Bernie Gatchell and Kaity from Portland; Brandon and Tara Salway and little son, Kyle, of Old Orchard Beach; Mrs. Dottie Adams of Hanover. Other family could not attend due to employment.

The "Merry" of Christmas this year was shattered upon learning of the passing away of our beloved sister-in-law on Christmas Eve in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Bill Bancroft was able to come home for the holiday from the Maine Veteran's Home in South Paris.

On New Year's Day, Norma and

David Salway and I went to Old Orchard Beach to help Brandon Salway celebrate another birthday with Tara and little Kyle. Her mother from Colebrook, N.H., was also a visitor.

Congratulations to Brandon, also, on receiving the prestigious Charles Butts Award for excellence in soccer coaching, given by the Western Maine Board of Soccer Officials.

Kaity Gatchell of Portland came home with us to spend an overnight visit with her grandparents.

Prayer is need finding a voice.

Andover



by Tina Farrington

The Town Office would like to remind everyone that dog licenses are now due. There has

been a rabies clinic scheduled for this month, to be held at the Fire Station, and the clerk will be there to issue licenses. I was unable to verify the date and time before article deadline, so please check with the Town Office for details.

Also, there is a three-year selectman position open and a three-year school board position open. Papers may be obtained at the Town Office for those desiring to take an interest in their community.

The Awana Clubs of the Calvary Congregational Church are now back in session. Awana is for all children in grades K-6 and meets on Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 at the church. Awana is a Bible-based, nondenominational youth organization with a format similar to scouting. For more information, contact the church at 392-1121.

Andover Elementary students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the Rug Rat Ski Program held at Sunday River. Students will have the opportunity through six sessions to learn and gain experience in downhill skiing. This is a district-wide opportunity made possible through the efforts of Gould Academy faculty and students, who will provide training and leadership to SAD44 elementary students, and Sunday River Skiway. This will be the second year for Andover students and they will be skiing on Wednesday afternoons this year.

Mrs. Charlotte Farrington Hayes of Thomaston was "home" visiting relatives over the Christmas holiday. She was the guest of her brother, Freeman Farrington and wife Norma of East Andover.

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Community Calendar

Activities

Thursdays, Jan. 7 thru Feb. 25 (except Thurs. Feb. 18)--Sunday River Trial Series -- 5K freestyle race at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center, Newry. Start time: self start from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Charge: \$7 per race or \$42 for series of seven races. For more information, call 824-2410.

The Computer Lab at the Learning Center open to adults during center hours and additional evenings. Learning Center volunteer Frank Gibson III will assist in lab Monday mornings. The lab will also be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for adult use. Additional hours will be scheduled on weekly basis. No charge for lab use, but all users must complete a District Acceptable Use Policy and provide their own floppy disk.

Mondays and Wednesdays--Alcohol/Drug Treatment Program available at Bethel Family Health Center. For information call 743-7580.

Public Supper first Saturday of each month 5:30 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting Jan. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m.--Tri-Town Rescue will host an EMT class. CPR required -- this will be taught Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 12 and 14. For information, call Jane Chandler (674-2963) or Arlene Greenleaf (824-2774).

Fridays, Jan. 22 thru Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 26--Five weeks of ballroom dancing lessons to benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the second floor cafeteria at White Cap Lodge. Cost: \$25 for the five-week session. Registration at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22 at White Cap Lodge. For information call Maine Handicapped Skiing at 824-2440.

Thursday, Jan. 7, Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting and potluck dinner at Bryant Pond Town Annex at 11:30 a.m. Bring dish to share and silverware, plate and cup. A silent auction will be held; please bring an item for it. Dues will be collected.

Saturday, Jan. 9, noon to 1 p.m.--Maine Handicapped Skiing Kick-off meeting at MHS Center on Sundance slope at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lunch, view new MHS program video, and see some students in action. Team captains should drop off team registration form and pick up lift ticket at Sunday River's Summit Hotel between 8 and 10 a.m. For more information, call 824-2440 or e-mail (info@skimhs.org).

Public Supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark (Snow date, Jan. 16). Proceeds to benefit Denmark Arts Center. Adults, \$5; children, \$2.50. Nature Talk and Slide Show at Denmark Arts Center, Route 160, Denmark, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Snow date: Jan. 16). Free admission, donations accepted. For information call (207) 452-2412.

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co., Inflatable Comedy, 7 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, sponsored by Sunday River's Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: \$3 for kids 12 and under and \$5 for adults in advance or \$5 and \$7 at the door. For more information, call 824-3575.

Woodstock Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m. at the society's building on Main Street, with program by Taisto Koskela on Finland. All are welcome.

Bald Eagle Field Trip, 7 a.m. to 12 noon -- North Country Chapter of Audubon Society of New Hampshire will host trip as part of the annual statewide survey of wintering bald eagles. Meet at Shelburne Village bridge at 7 p.m. For more information, call (603) 752-1924.

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 9-10--Bethel Winter Fest. Fun cross-country ski events at three centers, learn to ski and snowboard at Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram Telemark Ski Fest, sleigh rides, dog sled rides, skiing demonstrations and rides, food festival, antique snowmobile ride-in and parade, 110-foot snowman, ice skating, film festival, open houses and sales at area shops and more. For more information, call 824-2282.

Maine Telemark Festival for young and old free-heel skiers at Mount Abram Ski Resort from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 875-5003.

Monday, Jan. 11--6 p.m.--Line-dancing lessons at Mexico Recreation Center. For more information, call Carol at 364-3243.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.--DaPonte String Quartet will perform at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium as a part of the Gould Academy Performing Arts Series. Tickets: \$4 for students and \$6 for adults at the door. For more information, call 824-3575.

Sunday, Jan. 17, Bethel Animal Hospital Open House. Public welcome.

National Marionette Theatre's "Pinochio" -- 7 p.m. at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, sponsored by Sunday River's Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets in advance by calling 824-3575 are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under; at the door, adults \$7, children 12 and under, \$5.

Adaptive Cross-Country Clinic, sponsored by Maine Handicapped Skiing in partnership with Northeast Passage and the U.S. Disabled Cross Country Ski Team, at Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center, Newry. Lessons will be offered in two one-and-one-half-hour sessions between 1 and 4 p.m. Instruction also available for volunteers. For more information, call 824-2440 (M.H.S.).

On Layperson's Sunday at the West Paris Unitarian Universalist Church, Dr. Bob Rice of Newry will speak on "Ruminations About Churches." All are invited to attend.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m.--Christian Women United monthly luncheon meeting at Country Way Restaurant, South Paris. Speaker: Caroline Taylor of Livermore. Call Leora Whitney (743-7221) or Pearl Anderson (743-5724) for reservations.

Friday, Jan. 22, 6 p.m.--FACES (Friends/families And Consumers for Education and Support) will present "Borderline Personality Disorder" and other topics of interest by Dr. Collin Pope, psychiatrist at Tri-County Mental Health, at Beacon House, 150 Congress Street, Rumford. Bring your questions. For information call 364-3549.

Christian Music Concert with the "Majestic Sounds of ASAPH" at Mountain Valley High School Muskie Auditorium at 7 p.m. Free admission.

Friday, Jan. 29, 1 to 6 p.m.--American Red Cross blood drive at South Ridge of Sunday River. Contact Callie Phillip at 824-5381 for further information.

Saturday, March 20--Maine Handicapped Skiing 14th annual Ski-A-Thon.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through June). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.



Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and church school. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues. 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Geraldine MacNeil, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union--9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church--at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of month. 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends--a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) -- Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Services first and third Sundays each month, 9 a.m., beginning Oct. 4.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish--Rev. Janice Wilcox; Nov. thru March and May, July and Sept., worship at North Waterford Congregational Church, 10 a.m., with Church School at 9:15 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. at the East Stoneham church in April, June, Aug. and Oct.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, Year-round 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-- Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday School, 9 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:15 with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)--Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

Gorham, N.H.

Gateway Apostolic Church--Sunday School and worship, Sunday at 2 p.m., Royalty Inn, 130 Main St. Home group meetings, Tues. 6:30 p.m. Pastor Rodney Brown (an Independent Pentecostal Assembly), 1-800-450-7298 ext. 6062.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info, call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m. Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundi-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club, Greenwood Town Office, 6 p.m.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Last Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. (except Nov., when it is the third Wed., and Dec., when there is no meeting). Babysitting provided.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Kaleidoscope Children's Activity Hour for preschoolers and Kindergarten. Christian Education Building at First Congregational Church, Andover, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Schedule same as SAD44. For more info, 392-1131 or 392-1045.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

Third Thursday: Friends of Telstar Middle School meet at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Regional High School Parent Group meets at 7:30 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 5 to 7 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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(34)	Waltons			Life of Billy Ray Cyrus		Prime Time Country		Mesquite Rodeo		Dallas
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Promised Land		Diagnosis Murder		48 Hours		News	
41	Snow Show	Golfing	Boxing: Fight Night at the Great Western Forum		Sports		NBA Action	Countdown-Sign		
(15)	Movie: "Batman & Robin"			Movie: "The Assignment"			Inside the NFL			
(17)	Movie: "The Jungle Book"			Movie: "The Brave Little Toaster"			Growing	Growing	"The Horsemasters"	
(18)	"Super Mario Bros."		Movie: "The People vs. Larry Flynn"				Movie: "The Invader"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Bruins				Sports		College Basketball: USC at Ore.			
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Cries Unheard: The Donna Yaklich Story"			Attitudes	Golden	
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Movie: "The Big Brawl"			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Thomberries	Skeeter	Brady	WonderYr	HappyDay	Laverne	I Love Lucy Bewitched	
(25)	Jim Thorpe, All American		Movie: "The Alamo"				Drums-Mohawk			
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Casino"			New York Undercover		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		Inspector Morse: Greeks		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	Harvey	For-Love	News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand-Enter		Sports	Moneyline

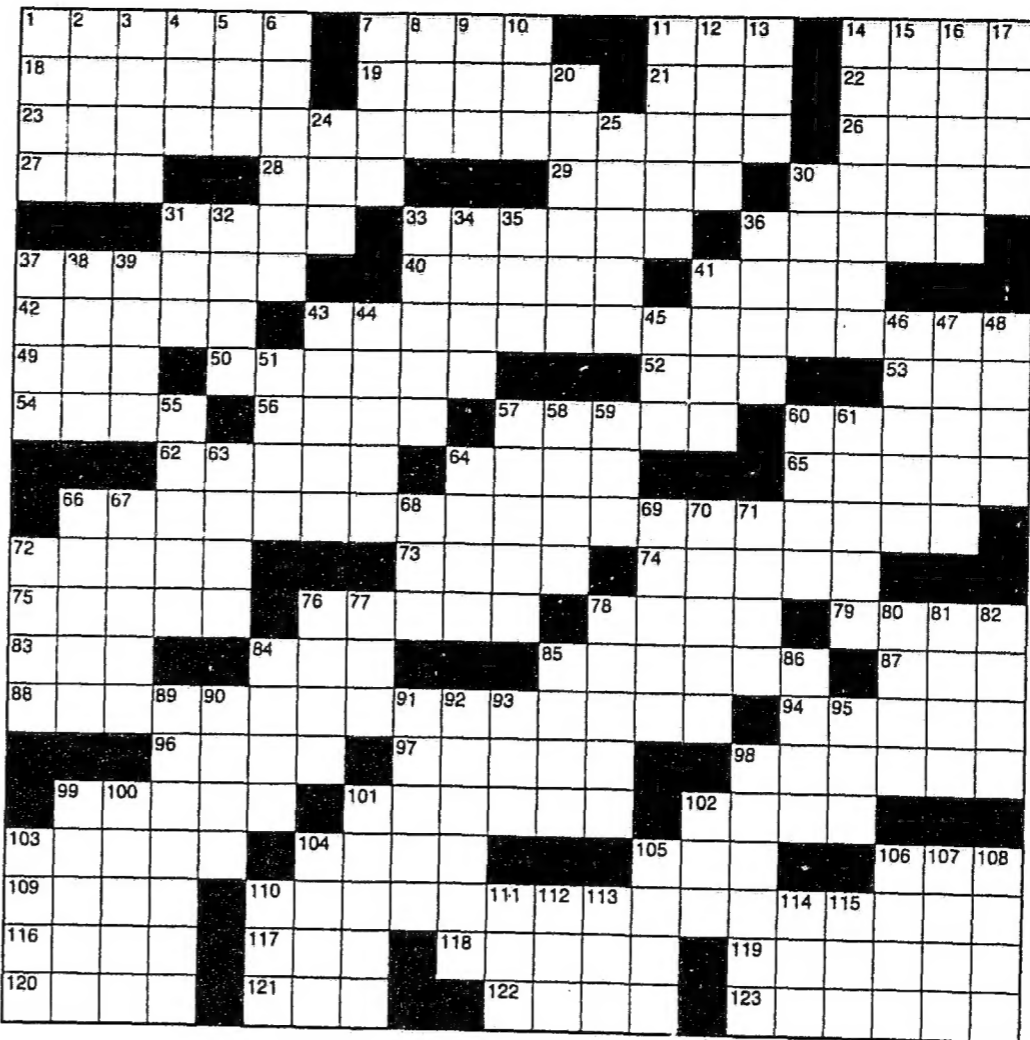
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(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Legacy		Love Boat-Next		Mad	Mad	Frasier	Cheers
(32)	Movie: "Sabrina the Teen-Age Witch"				Movie: "What's Eating Gilbert Grape"			700 Club		
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline			Homicide: Life		News
8	Fortune	Jeopardyl	Two-Kind	Boy-World	Sabrina	Brothers	20/20		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St. Wk	Keeping Up	Brittas	Don't Wait	Goodnight	Dad's Army	Red Green
(22)	Sportsctr.	PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- Second Round					NFL's Greatest Moments		Sportscenter	
(34)	Waltons	Roller Derby Reborn			Championship Rodeo		Dallas			
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Candid C.	Magnificent Seven		Nash Bridges		News	
(41)	College Hockey: Miami-Ohio at Michigan State						Ski & Board	Ski TV	Ski & Board	Sports
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Event Horizon"			Movie: "Silver"			Dennis M.	
(17)	Movie: "The Paper Brigade"			Movie: "George of the Jungle"			Famous Jett Jackson		"The Horsemasters"	
(18)	"Crossworlds" Cont'd		Movie: "Oscar and Lucinda"			Movie: "Breakdown"				
(20)	College Hockey: Vermont at Yale					Front Row	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Abandoned and Deceived"				Attitudes	Golden
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Movie: "Point of No Return"					Movie: "Blue Steel"		
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Kablarn!	Animorphs	Brady	WonderYr	HappyDay	Laveme	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	Movie: "Charrol" Cont'd		Movie: "Tickle Me"			WENN		Movie: "Easy Come, Easy Go"		
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Casino"				Movie: "Red Rock West"	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		Movie: "Inspector Morse: Who Killed Harry Field?"			
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Movie: "The Russia House"			News		MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today			Larry King Live		Cold War	TBA	

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 9, 1999									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00 11:30
(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs						Seinfeld	M*A*S*H	Star Trek: Voyager
(32)	"Captains Courageous"		Movie: "Survive the Savage Sea"				Movie: "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure"		
6	Edillon	Seinfeld	Best of Television		Pretender		Profiler	News	Sat. Night
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Flintstones"				Fantasy Island		News Psi Factor
10	What About Lindsay?		Anyplace	Anyplace	Doctor Who	Doctor Who	Red Dwarf	MontyPyth	Austin City Limits
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- Third Round				Billiards: WPBA Semi.		Sportscenter
(34)	Week-Country		Opry	Grand Opry	Statler Bros.		Gailther Gospel Hour		Opry Grand Opry
13	ER		Early Edition		Marital Law		Walker, Texas Ranger		News
(41)	College Hockey: Maine at Boston College						College Hockey: Miami-Ohio at Michigan State		
(15)	Movie: "Splash" Cont'd		Movie: "Space Truckers"			Thin Red	Boxing: Rick Frazier vs. Roy Jones Jr.		
(17)	Brave Little Toaster		Movie: "RocketMan"				Growing	Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"House Arrest" Cont'd		Movie: "The Peacekeeper"				Movie: "Firestorm"		Price
(20)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Seton Hall at St. John's				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News
(44)	Because Mommy Works		Oh Baby	Maggie	Movie: "When No One Would Listen"			The Silence of the Lambs	
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Delta Force 2"					Movie: "One Good Cop"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Beavers	Rugrats	All That	Kenan-Kel	Animorphs	Brady	WonderYr	HappyDay Laverne
(25)	"Islands in the Stream"		Movie: "My Bodyguard"				Movie: "Pajama Party"		
(26)	Movie: "Casino" Cont'd		Movie: "Turner & Hooch"				The Net		La Femme Nikita
(27)	Mysteries of the Bible		Biography				Biography		
(12)	Mailbu, CA	Ill. Luckiest	Evening of Stars-Educational Excellence				News		Evening of Stars
(39)	Capital	Sports	World	Business	Larry King Weekend		Cold War		TBA

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 10, 1999									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00 11:30
(3)	Wild Things		Movie: "Thelma & Louise"					M*A*S'H	Viper
(32)	"Rugged Gold" Cont'd		Movie: "Silverwolf"				Movie: "Columbo: No Time to Die"		
6	Dateline			Movie: "The Juror"				News	Wild Things
8	Movie: "The New Swiss Family Robinson"				20/20		Practice		News Paid Prog.
10	Ballykissangel		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Chinatown	Mystery!	
22	Sportsctr.	NFL	PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- Final Round			Man Behind the Men		Sportscenter	
(34)	Outdoor	Bassmastr.	In-Fish	Bill Dance	Championship Rodeo		Fishing Fishin'	ClassicCar	NASCAR
13	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		People's Choice Awards				News
(41)	Women's College Basketball: Wisconsin at Indiana				College Hockey: Maine at Boston College				
(15)	Movie: "The Rainmaker" Cont'd				Sopranos		Movie: "The Pentagon Wars"		
(17)	Mokomba	Muppets	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	Walt Disney Presents		Movie: "The Shaggy Dog"		
(18)	Speed 2: Cruise Control		Movie: "Kiss the Girls"			Movie: "Slag" Erotic			
(20)	Soccer: English Premier League -- Teams TBA				Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News
(44)	"Awake to Danger"		Movie: "The Lottery"			Any Day Now		Intimate Portrait	
(5)	Movie: "Medicine Man" Cont'd				Movie: "Never Say Never Again"				
(24)	My Brother	All That	Animorphs	Animorphs	Laverne	Laverne	WonderYr	WonderYr	Bewitched Bewitched
(25)	I Married Screen		Movie: "Three Violent People"				Movie: "Sergeant Rutledge"		
26	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Pacific Blue		Silk Stalkings		La Femme Nikita		The Net
(27)	Ancient Mysteries		Movie: "Murder in a Small Town"				Movie: "Murder in a Small Town"		
(12)	Batman Beyond		Sister, Sis.	Smart Guy	Unhappily	Unhappily	News	Replay	Coach Nightman
(39)	Snorts	World	Cold War		Cold War		Newsstand: Time		Sports Tonight

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 11, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Malcolm	Guys	Malcolm	DiResta	Mad	Mad	Frasier	Cheers
(32)	Funny	Addams	Life Cam	Life Cam	Movie: "Switched at Birth"				700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Caroline	Mad	Working	Dateline	News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardyl	American Music Awards				News			
10	News-Lehrer	Capital Connection			American Experience			Rukeyser's Money Guide		
(22)	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Georgetown at St. John's				College Basketball: Kansas at Missouri				Sportsctr.
(34)	Waltons	Life of Brenda Lee		Prime Time Country		Oak Ridge Boys		Dallas		
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Cosby	King	Raymond	Becker	L.A. Doctors		News	
(41)	Fame	Bruiser Film'd	Italian Soccer: Teams to Be Announced				Boxing: Al "Ice" Cole vs. Kirk Johnson			
(15)	"Summer School" Cont'd		Movie: "The Assignment"				Sopranos		Midnight in the Garden	
(17)	Movie: "HalloweenTown"			Movie: "You Lucky Dog"			Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	Movie: "Buddy" Cont'd		Movie: "White Men Can't Jump"				Movie: "Denial"		Strange	
(20)	Front Row	Tennis: Chevy Chase Challenge				Front Row		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope			Movie: "Hit and Run"		Attitudes		Golden
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks					Insde NBA	In the Line	
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Strange	Brady	WonderYr	HappyDay	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Artists and Models"		Movie: "Love in the Afternoon"				Movie: "April in Paris"			
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF Raw Zone			New York Undercover	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Poirot	Law & Order		
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		News		MacGyver	
(28)	MovieLine	Crossing	Week Today	Larry King Live		Newstand: Time		Sports	MovieLine	

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South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing
Tommy Poland spent Christmas Eve with Sandra Monzo and family and later went to Tracy Poland's and watched the grandchildren open their gifts. The Saturday after Christmas all of Tommy's family got together at Tammy and Vernon Davis' home in Bethel. There were 32 in all who shared the day.

Tommy Poland had minor surgery on her leg last week. She came home the same day and is doing fine.
We had our family Christmas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day went to have dinner with Kellie Record and family. Sarah Hart had to work Christmas Eve so we opened presents there also. Kellie, my daughter, made me a beautiful quilt with the pattern being "Around the World." It was very much appreciated.

Joan Poland has been home sick for a few days with a cold. Colds are very popular now.

I visited with Terry Merrill and Amy Bru and baby Logan one day last week. They were home from Alabama for the holidays. Diana Dunn and baby Brandon were up

from Old Orchard for a visit that day, so got to see them all.

Sometimes I stop and think about all the things that have happened in only the last 100 years. What would we do without the automatic washers and dryers, dishwashers, electricity, modern cars and telephones that you can carry around and call anywhere in the world in a couple of seconds. I can't imagine what the next 100 years can produce; it seems we have it all.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that the best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time."

Mason Township



by
Richard Grover

I have written before about the "Uni-man," who usually brings clean uniforms to the shop on Fridays. Occasionally, there is a substitute uni-man who fills in when the regular fellow can't make it for some reason.

Last week, the substitute uni-man arrived on Thursday, due to the Friday holiday; one of the fellows (who asked not to be identified) suggested we call the sub "Odie

Junior," due to his name tag, which read "Daniel." This moniker then got shortened to "O.J." Dianne said, "That fits, except he drives a white uni-van instead of a white Bronco."

Anyway, each employee at the shop has a tiny metal locker in which to store his "uni's." Most of the guys bring in a dirty uni every day to avoid forgetting them all on uni-day; they put them into the lockers. One or two fellows wait and bring in all their dirty uni's on uni-day, and toss them on the floor of the break room.

Well, a month, or so ago, O.J. substituted; he brought in clean uni's, but only took the dirty uni's that were lying on the floor, leaving the ones in the locker. Someone else from Uni-First had to come in and get the dirty uni's the following Monday.

Last Thursday, when O.J. was in the break room sorting uni's, I went in to remind him to check the lockers. He replied, "I don't think I will ever do that again. I heard enough about that the last time. This is the only place that puts dirty uni's in their lockers."

Part of his duties include placing a couple clean throw-rugs in the shop, one just outside the office door. This time, as he bent over to adjust the throw rug, B-Dub came out of the office, and the door banged O.J. right in the head.

When O.J. departed, he took most of the dirty uni's, but he left a large pile of dirty trousers on the break room floor. B-Dub said, "I must have given him amnesia with that bump."

When Dianne discovered the dirty uni-pants, she phoned Uni-First to have O.J. come back for them. He returned, very sheepishly, in mid-afternoon.

Sunday River Valley



by
Rockie Graham

A week of sub-freezing temperatures has confirmed that it is indeed winter in Maine. As I sit warm and cozy in our leaky farmhouse, a gentle snow falls outside. Although snow has fallen since early morning (it is late afternoon), accumulation is only moderate. Like many, I am hoping it remains snow and doesn't switch to sleet or freezing rain. It is the time of last year's ice storm and none are anxious to see a repeat of that.

This a.m., Neighbor Nancy, Tasha and I went for a snow walk to the river and up old trails behind our houses. Tasha was in ecstasy at being able to run wild. We were just glad to be out and about.

School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Abram 73, Telstar 68; Jan. 5--Telstar's Matt Lawrence scored 26 points and Jeremy Curley 18 in a loss to Mt. Abram. Other scorers: Neil Thurlow (10); Will Seames (10); Greg Koch (4).

Pat's Pizza Holiday Tournament: Sacopee Valley 42, Telstar 41; Dec. 30--Telstar's Matt Lawrence scored 17 points and Will Seames had seven as the Rebels lost a close one to Sacopee Valley.

Telstar 65, Pine Tree Academy 54; Dec. 29--Matt Lawrence had 29 points, Jeremy Curley 16 and Neil Phelps 7 in a win over Pine Tree.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Pat's Pizza Holiday Tournament: Sacopee Valley 64, Telstar 37; Dec. 30--Jen Stevens had 11 points and Erin Osgood 10 in a loss to Sacopee in the tournament championship. Emily Phillips and Mariah Seames each scored six points. Telstar led 24-22 at halftime.

Telstar 65, Pine Tree Academy 17; Dec. 29--Mariah Seames scored 15 points and Emily Phillips 14 as Telstar defeated Pine Tree. Jen Stevens had 13 points and Katrine Burgi eight. Sara Papaik had seven, assists. "This was a good team effort with all players contributing to the win," said coach Kelly Dole.

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All members and friends are invited to the January Business After Hours at the newly opened B.I.G. Adventure Center on Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come meet the owners, tour the facility, and try your hand at laser tag. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Community Leaders Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River. Continental breakfast will be available for \$3 per person. The agenda will be faxed and e-mailed out this week -- please call our office if you would like to receive one (824-2282).

December was a very busy month for the chamber and its volunteers. The Taste of Bethel and Theme Wreath Auction successfully raised funds to decorate the community in trees and pinlights. We hope you have enjoyed the new addition of the lit trees on the Bethel Station lot at the Route 26 entrance to the village. This was made possible through the efforts of dedicated volunteers and Bethel Station's generous cash donation. Thanks to Doug Zinchuk, who has wrestled with the trees to keep them standing (that lot is the windiest one in Bethel) and who ran the wiring from the Bethel Station's transportation garage. Also, thanks to David Freiday for helping to decorate the trees. We look forward to hearing your input on whether or not you think these trees are a good addition to the town decorating. Additionally, we would like to thank Bob Taylor of CMP for his help with the "big tree" on the common.

We had published a list of Theme Wreath Auction donors and inadvertently left out the Village Sampler. Many thanks to Barb Testani for donating a beautiful wreath for that project.

The Bethel Winter Fest committee has been meeting regularly to plan for this weekend's events. We encourage you to pick up a flyer for a complete list of happenings. One change on the program is there will be no progressive dinner on Saturday evening, but we do invite you to try our great restaurants and also attend the first annual Winter Fest Beer Tasting at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. This should be a great time for all. We are working on the World's Largest Snowman. See attached articles on the progress of this fantastic feat.

This week at the

Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Since the 1999 major summer exhibit will focus on the life and work of Maine historian John Francis Sprague, the Program Committee has planned several meetings during 1999 which will deal with the work of Maine historians. Early in the year, there will be several featuring local and regional historians. Later there will be other presentations on those with a statewide reputation, including John Francis Sprague.

At the Jan. 7 meeting, the program will focus on Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True, Bethel's first historian, who also compiled a history of Gorham, N. H., recently edited and published by the society's Curator of Collections Randall Bennett, who will speak about his experience editing True's histories. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so.

New Year's Bethel was a spectacular success with several hundred enjoying this exciting first-time event in Bethel. Much appreciation is expressed to all who made it possible and to society trustee Susan Herlihy for suggesting it and working so hard to make it such a special time for all who attended. A special thank you to all the sponsors: Backstage Enterprises, Bethel Animal Hospital, Bethel Family Health Center, Brooks Bros., Penny Bohac/Joe Cardello, Omar D. Crothers III, Susan Herlihy, Dick and Lorrie Hoch, Rebecca P. Kendall, Maine Line Products, Chuck Sheffren, The Penley Family, Sunday River Skiway Corporation, Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center, Michael T. Steven and Associates, The Todd Family, Unicorn Flower Shop, and Stan Howe. Other sponsorships are still coming in and will be listed later in this column. Anyone wishing to join those listed above should send their tax deductible contribution to the society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.



DaPonte String Quartet

The DaPonte String Quartet will present a concert in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 14. The 7:30 p.m. show is part of Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series and is open to the public.

The quartet was founded in Philadelphia in 1991, but its members have been based in mid-coast Maine since being awarded a three-year Rural Residency Grant by Chamber Music America and the National Endowment for the Arts in 1995 and subsequently settling permanently in the Damariscotta area with their families. Trained at Juilliard and the Peabody Conservatory, the four are as much at home performing in local churches or serenading the residents of a Lincoln County nursing home as in the concert halls of Boston or Philadelphia.

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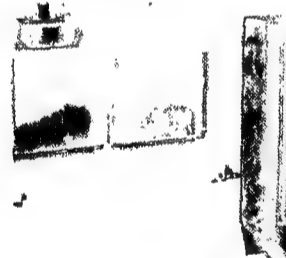
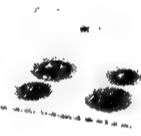
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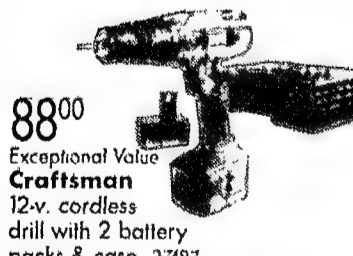
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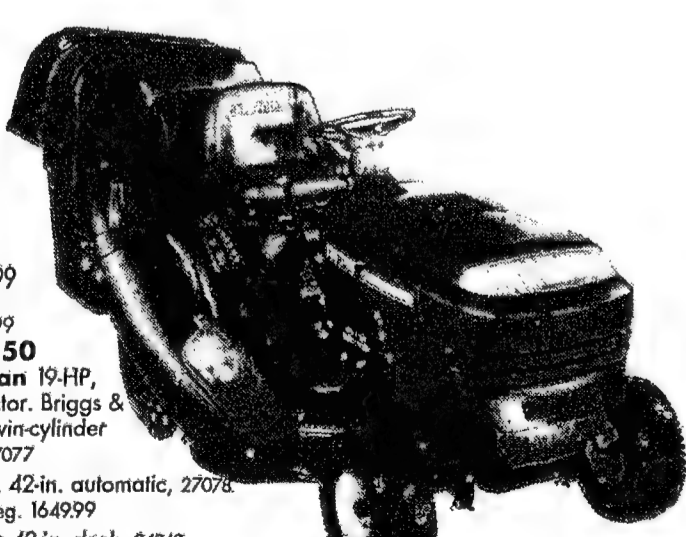
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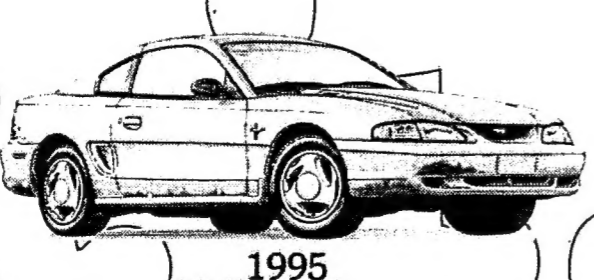
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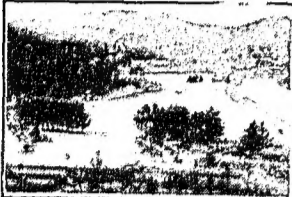


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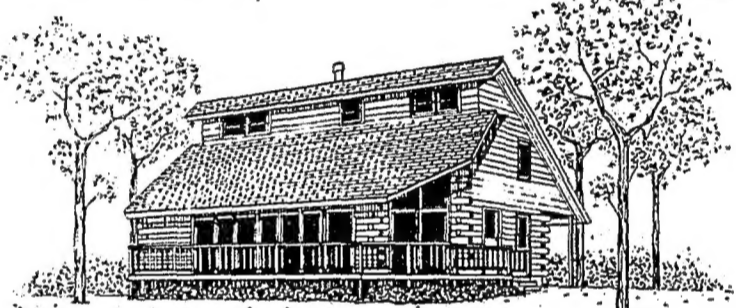


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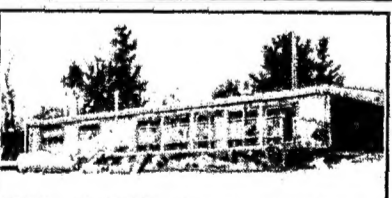
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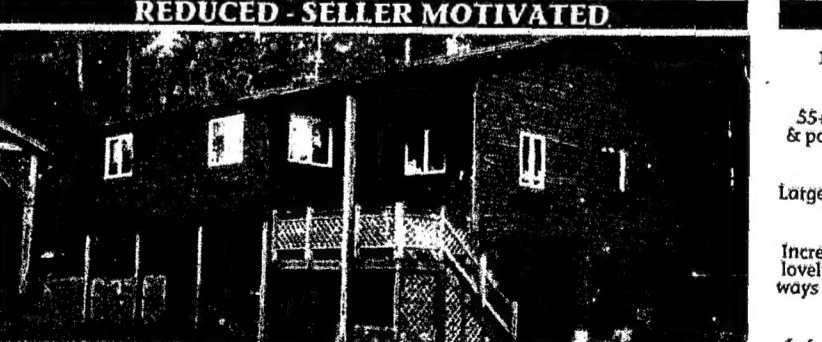
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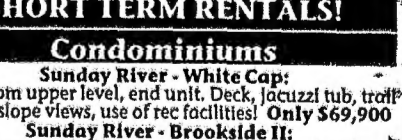
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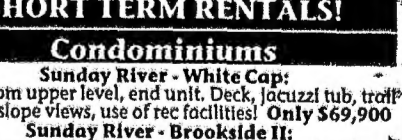
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Hanover - 160 ac - \$129,900!
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You won't believe this house! I don't get fooled by properties often but this is one for the books!

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Over 2,500sf, with many extras and privacy!



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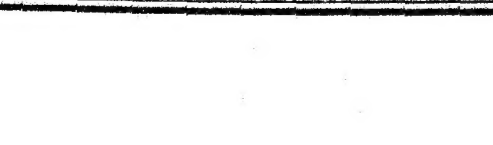
70 Howard Pond Rd, Hanover! Nice 3+ bdrms, 2.5 ba, colonial in great location! Over 3,000 sq. ft. on 2.5+/- acres, this beauty offers many extras plus income apartment for only \$149,900!



Spectacular Paradise Rd! One of Bethel's finest homes, 4 bdrms, 2+ ba, 4,000+ sq ft, great views, guest apartment and more! Recently reduced to sell at only \$269,900!!



Opportunity! - Great potential on Rt. 2 in Hanover. 2 bdrms, 1 ba, nice living room, kitchen on 1+/- ac, minutes to ski slopes! Needs some work but priced to reward the hard worker at only \$29,900!



Bailey Road, Bethel! Seat 3 bdrms, 2+ ba home on 2+/- acres with master suite, large living/dining area, large kitchen, great deck and more! Very nice property for \$159,900!

Obituaries

RICHARD A. CONANT

Richard A. Conant, 57, of Greenwood, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

He was born in Beverly, Mass., on Aug. 8, 1941, the son of Rudolf W. and Evelyn Vogel Conant. He was educated at Beverly Technical High School.

He had worked as a pattern maker by trade. He had served as harbor master in Beverly and served on the board of directors for the Danvers Fish and Game.

He was also a member of the Ancient Ones of Canton and the Greenwood Planning Board.

He married Linda Bacon on April 4, 1981.

Survivors include his wife of Greenwood; his mother, Evelyn Conant; three daughters, Annette Aslin of Beverly, Colleen Conant of Salem, Mass., and Bonny Zwicker of Beverly; one son, Derek of Peabody, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Monday, Jan. 4, at the Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, South Paris. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Conant's memory may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2208, 9 Church Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

LORRAINE L. DOW

Lorraine L. Dow, 80, of Mountain View Apartments, West Paris, died on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at Ledgeview Nursing Home, where she had been a patient a short time.

Born Jan. 20, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Alice (LeClair) Kummel. She graduated from Lynn English High School in Lynn, Mass., with the class of 1936.

She married Richard H. Dow, who predeceased her in 1954. A licensed cosmetologist with the state of Massachusetts, she worked for several years as a hairdresser before becoming a salesperson for a beauty supply company in Lynn, Mass.

She was an avid follower of the happenings in Hollywood and enjoyed keeping up to date with all her favorite actors and actresses.

Survivors include a son, Clifford of Bryant Pond; two sisters, Claire Hartin of Lynn, Mass., and Virginia Harding of Venice, Fla.; one grandson, Clifford Dow II of Harrison; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sons, Richard K. Dow and Robert W. Kane, and a brother, Bud Kummel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock. Interment will be in the spring at the Buckfield/Damon Cemetery in Buckfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite children's charity.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of our considerate friends and neighbors for the many cards, phone calls and visits during the loss of our brother Bob.

Connie & Willie

Card of Thanks

A sincere thank you to all of you for the support, words of comfort, flowers, food, donations, and special acts of kindness during the past year of Sheila's illness and her passing.

Sincerely,
The family of Sheila Verrill

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A loving face from us is gone.
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Friends may think he is forgotten,
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but they little know the sorrow
that lies in our hearts concealed.
Days of sorrow still comes over us,
tears in silence often flow,
memories keep us ever near you.
Though it's been 35 years,
you'll never be forgotten,
by your loved ones.

Sadly missed by
Daughter Ruth & Bill Kichon
Wife Hilda, Son Howard
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Nickerson-Dumais

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Nickerson of Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher K. Dumais Sr. of Livermore take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their children, Kate Riley Nickerson and Chad Ryan Dumais.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Telstar Regional High School. She is currently pursuing an associate's degree in office management at Central Maine Technical College in Auburn, and is employed part-time in the CMTC Business Office.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Livermore Falls High School. He is working toward a degree in automotive technology at Central Maine Technical College, and is employed part-time at VIP in Auburn. A Sept. 23, 2000 wedding is planned.

W. PARIS U.U. CHURCH

The Rev. Joy Gasta, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church, West Paris, will speak about different faiths and our connections to them historically, theologically, spiritually and culturally. This series starts Jan. 10 through Feb. 7.

On Layperson's Sunday, Jan. 17, Bob Rice of Newry will speak. His topic is "Ruminations About Churches." Rice has a Ph.D. in public policy, a master's degree in social work and is a Bates College graduate.

All are invited to attend the 9 a.m. services for a challenging and thoughtful perspective and worship.

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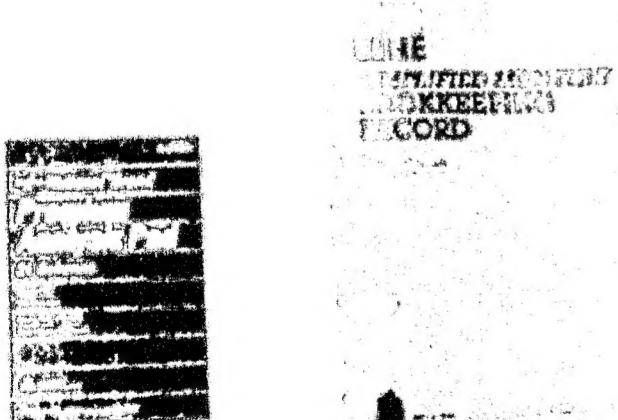
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